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Flash BACK

On May 4, 1995, *The Shakerite* 'Rite Idea responded to the Oklahoma City bombing: 'As students in a relatively safe suburb, we often do not understand, or are even apathetic about disasters in other parts of the world. As many well-meaning PA announcers who plea with us to observe a moment of silence or teachers who sacrifice a few class minutes to discuss what has happened, our lives are only moderately affected by world events — if at all.

We are undoubtedly going to be bombarded with world crises and tragedies for the rest of our lives. And although we will hopefully not be the victims, we must not go on with our lives without a thought to those who have suffered. It is imperative we all remember that the Oklahoma City bombing was not a topic for discussion, the answer on a current events quiz or a photo opportunity for a newspaper. The Oklahoma City bombing was a senseless act of violence against innocent people.'

Will Bostwick

United in mourning

By Will Wemer
News Editor

The date was Sept. 11, 2001. The time was 9:58 a.m. Students entered their third period classes, sat down and found out that life at Shaker, and throughout the world, would never be the same.

Christie Russo's third period health class watched as the twin towers of the World Trade Center collapsed, live on network TV.

Sophomore Alan Cameron remembered his emotions that day. "It was pretty surreal," Cameron said. "I couldn't understand at first. It was hard to believe."

Shaken and emotionally worn out, students entered the halls after third period. Some stated flatly, "I'm scared."

Sophomore LaDawn Thomas remembered the solemn mood. "It was really weird," Thomas said. "Some people were really upset. I never thought this could happen to us."

In Sarah Davis' tenth period government class, senior Seth Malone watched in horror as news channels endlessly showed amateur video of United Airlines Flight 175 crashing into the South Tower of the World Trade Center.

"Today is like what Pearl Harbor was to the generation of the 1940s, except this is worse," Malone said. "This attack can lead down to a road of violence."

Every student experienced September 11 uniquely. But all students share the same memories of the day when four commercial planes were hijacked by terrorists and crashed into the World Trade Center, The Pentagon and a field near Pittsburgh.



The American flag stands at half-mast outside the high school in memory of the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. President George W. Bush ordered the flags raised to full-staff on Sept. 22.

At press time, the government had confirmed that 6,046 people had been confirmed dead, or missing and presumed dead, including at least a dozen people with Cleveland connections.

Two days after the attack, Dr. Mark Freeman, Superintendent of Shaker Heights City Schools, sent a letter to every parent in the district. The letter commended the district's students and staff for their grace under such trying circumstances.

"Our students have seen humanity at its worst and at its most heroic this week," Freeman

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Protesters challenge spraying

By Andy Cameron
Staff Reporter

Four days before the attention of Shaker and the world was overtaken by terrorist attacks on the United States, environmental concerns were at the forefront of many residents' minds.

About 50 protesters, including representatives from the Sierra Club and the Shaker Nature Center, assembled at Shaker City Hall September 7 to express their disapproval of the city's response to the discovery of birds infected with West Nile Virus.

Waving signs reading "Controlled spraying is an oxymoron," "Don't buy into media hype — stop spraying!" and "SOS (Shakerites opposed to spraying)," the protestors hoped to persuade city officials to suspend the spraying of insecticide. The city intended to spray for infected mosquitoes in the South Onaway, Moreland and North Boulevard neighborhoods. Infected birds had been found in those areas.

"There was insufficient notification," said Allen Sickling, a concerned citizen. "There are precautions people need to take [such as] protecting lawn furniture, kids and animals. Without the proper notification, how do we take care of these things?"

Several fliers were distributed at the protest. One from the Sierra Club stated that the pesticide, permethrin, kills only 1 percent of infected mosquitoes. It went on to say that the pesticide has pyrethroids in it, which can have hazardous effects on humans. Short-term effects can include nausea, tremors and itching. The flier claimed permethrin has been linked to breast cancer and complications for asthma patients.

"One case [of reaction] was reported, but when we tried to

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Teen mothers face hard truths

By Rebecca Wolff
Feature Co-Editor

"Tick tock, tick tock." The sound of the clock blends with your pounding heart. Time's up. You walk into the bathroom and pick up the stick. Much to your horror, two pink lines appear in the viewing window. You're pregnant. What next?

"I would cry [if I got pregnant], because it's scary. A baby is an incredible responsibility," junior Noreen Malone said.

In spite of a 2001 Ohio law allowing mothers to anonymously leave their newborns at a hospital without punishment, stories of adolescent girls hiding pregnancies and disposing of their babies continue to mount, even reaching Shaker in July. After each incident, questions arise about what alternatives are available to pregnant girls and how aware they are of those options.

According to psychologist Dr. Karen Tuschman, Malone's pre-

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NOREEN MALONE
junior

dicted response is a common one. Pregnancy forces teenagers to "face a responsibility they're not prepared to deal with," said Tuschman. "Some are terribly confused by their emotions and feelings of shame." A feeling of isolation from their peers is also typical for expecting teens.

Guidance counselor David Peterjohn's first concern is the health of the student. He would make sure that the girl was seeing a doctor. He might bring in the school nurse, Paula Dworkin, as well. After Dworkin has talked to the girl, she might refer her to one

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TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT



Allison Walsh/The Shakerite

I took this picture after stumbling into a restricted area that surrounds the Pentagon. The road wasn't blocked, nor did any sign say that the site was off limits. I was in the area for about five minutes before a policewoman instructed me to leave. She didn't ask me for my name or to see any identification. The Washington, D.C. police had officially handed the site over to the FBI that morning. It's amazing to think that a lost tourist can penetrate such a high-security area.

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Drop us a line in room 229

Dear Reader,

I am sure there are many of you who, after reading *The Shakerite*, have questions, compliments, complaints or concerns but don't know where to bring them. This year, as reader representative, I will help you convey your comments to the *Shakerite* staff.

My job is to serve as the liaison between readers and *Shakerite* editors, reporters and photographers. I also want to help all of you become more knowledgeable about newspaper production - from content to writing style to design. I believe that if you find out all these things, you will enjoy the paper more. For example, I can help clear up misunderstandings such as the one that arose last year, when adviser Natalie Sekicky received a complaint from a faculty member. The complaint concerned the paper's use of last names in reference to adults. The faculty member noted that some students considered the practice disrespectful. After all, they address their teachers

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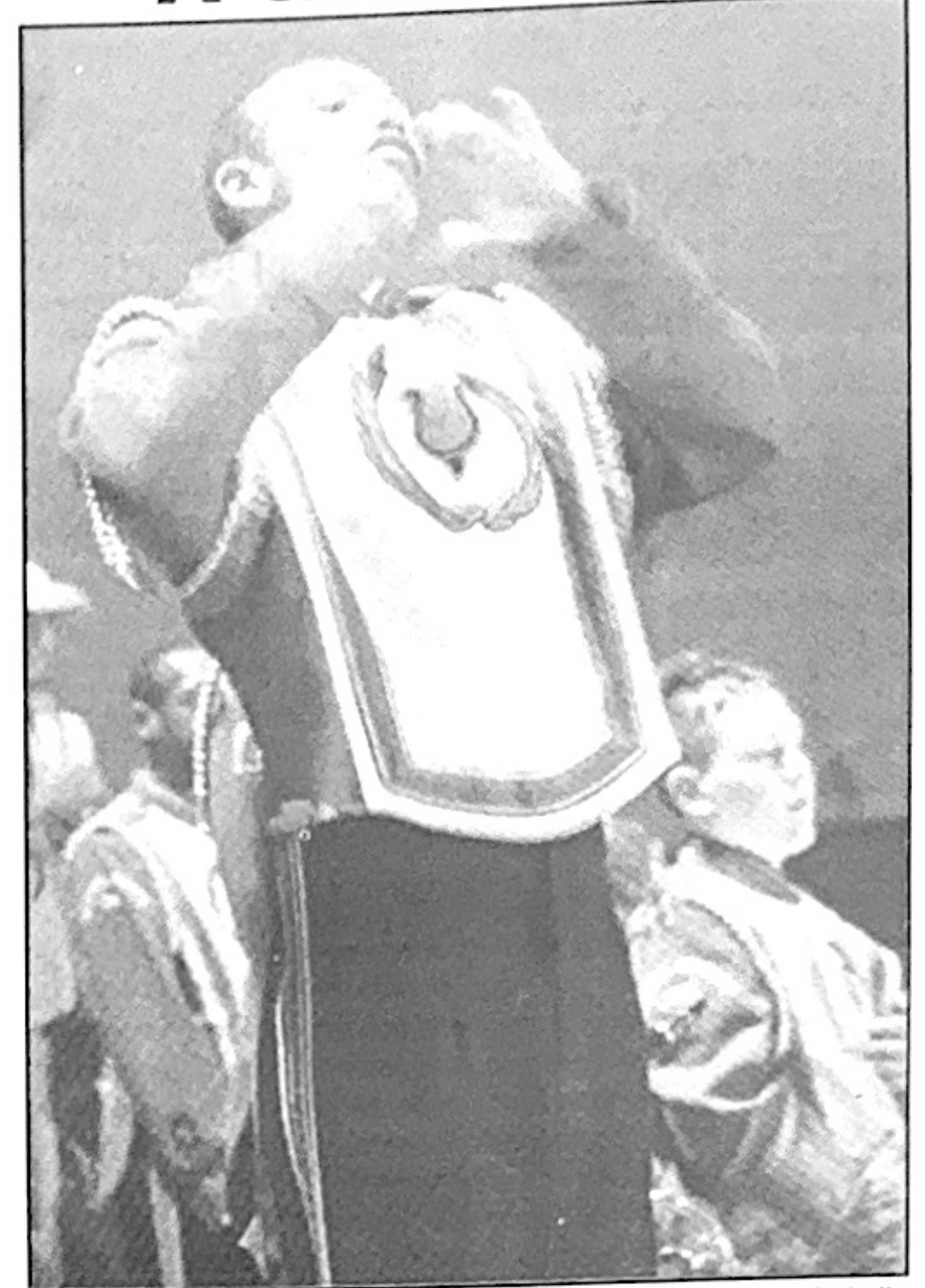
to help you and to help *The Shakerite* meet the needs of its audience. You can see me during 10th period in room 231, or drop a question through the slot outside room 229. If you want to voice your opinions about the paper or you want to see how we plan an issue, talk to me. Please look for more information on our first public critique session, which will be held in early October.

Sincerely, Francesca Klein

with courtesy titles such as 'Mr.' and 'Mrs.' However, most newspapers don't use courtesy titles because every letter consumes precious space. Journalists save space by only using surnames on references after the initial identification of a source. We do this for everyone, including the president!

I want to help each of you get as much out of our school newspaper as you possibly can, so please come to me with any concerns or questions you have about *The Shakerite*. My job is

A SPIRITED CALL



Freshman band member James Quarles cheers for the football team at the Sept. 8 game against St. Edward's at Lakewood Stadium. *Shaker* lost, 35-13.



Compiled by Meryl
Kramer

www.smalltime.com/dictator
Answer the questions about yourself and find out what TV character you resemble, or pick a character and answer as they would. See if the site can guess your choice.

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From ordering clothes to taking quizzes to playing games and entering contests, this site is an

all-around hit for those who need to be entertained

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www.espn.go.com
For the sports lover: "You can get updated scores and learn about your favorite athletes," said senior Jordan Bulloff

club NOTES

Compiled by
Francesca Klein
Reader Representative

SGORR

Marcia Jaffe, adviser

•SGORR teams will be going in to 4th and 6th grade classrooms

Day 1 Nov 9- Nov 16

Day 2 Feb 8-Feb 19

Day 3 Apr. 15- Apr 19

YEH/ INTERACT

Katherine Brown, William Scanlon, advisers

•Meetings are the first Wednesday of every month, and focus on volunteerism in the community

ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

Robert Sylak, adviser

•Will be cleaning up the Mentor Dunes Nature Preserve on Oct 12. Meetings every Thursday, 3 p.m., rm 175.

LATIN/GREEK CLUB

Jane Ulrich, adviser

•Meets every Wednesday in rm. 221 and new members are always welcome Latin Club is appointing several administrative positions

SEMANTEME

Beth Illes-Johnson, adviser

•A coffeehouse will be hosted this year, possibly with a guest speaker. Please submit poetry and prose to Mrs. Illes-Johnson's mailbox, artwork should be brought to the library between 3-4 p.m. on Mondays.

SKI CLUB

Robert Macleod, adviser

•The Ski Club, which includes snowboarding, will be organizing in November. The club will travel to Boston Mills and Brandywine on Friday evenings in January, February and March.

SHAKER HEIGHTS CREW TEAM

Kevin Dahlausen, coach

•Students interested in joining the team of 21 rowers should contact the team captains Nicole Nadaeu or Maddy Widen for more information



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Shaker senior registers to run for governor in 2002

•Senior Alex Madorsky, 17, to seek the Democratic nomination

By Katie Glass
Staff Reporter

Senior Alex Madorsky plans to run for governor of Ohio next fall with Student Council president J.R. Siegel serving as his running mate. As of Sept. 28 only two other candidates had announced their intentions, Democrat Tim Hagen and Republican incumbent Bob Taft.

What are the requirements to run for office?

Alex Madorsky: You have to be 18 to run for a statewide office in Ohio. You need 1000 signatures to run for the Democratic or Republican primary. According to Gretchen Quinn, the assistant elections counsel for the state of Ohio, you need only 1,000 signatures, with no restrictions for the number of counties. With that information I am pretty confident I can get on the ballot.

Why are you running?

AM: Basically, I am running because I think that the moderate wing of the Republican Party of Ohio, which is where Gov. Bob Taft is from, has had an electoral stranglehold on politics in Ohio. When you let one group of one party dominate the political scene in a state, the functions of state government begin to degrade. That's why I am running for governor. I don't have any big ideological issues with Gov. Taft, although there are certainly large ideological differences between us. I think we need strong leadership. I think we need progressive leadership and I think we need a change from the Voinovich/Taft continuum that has been running Ohio politics since the mid '80s.

Have you started your campaign?

AM: I haven't really started campaigning yet because I can't circulate petitions until I become 18, which is on Nov. 24. But I do have a campaign treasurer and di-



Simona Karasik/The Shakerite
Senior Alex Madorsky plans to run for governor of Ohio in 2002, in an attempt to dethrone Governor Bob Taft

rector — my uncle, J. Louis Madorsky. He has experience in democratic primary campaigns.

Have you always wanted to be involved in politics?

AM: When I was in kindergarten I knew all the presidents in order, which is a feat I don't think I can accomplish now. But I

have always been interested in history and my interest in politics came from that. By the time I was in Woodbury I was chain-watching C-SPAN and following Congress very closely.

Do you think that you will be taken seriously by the state at such a young age?

AM: Well, an 18-year-old was elected to the State House of Representatives in the 2000 elec-

tions. So I think that a serious candidate, even if they are 18 years old, will get legitimate attention from voters. I think the people are ready for a change, and they will be willing to listen to me.

Do you think you have a chance of winning?

AM: Right now the only other announced candidate in the Democratic primary is former Cuyahoga County Commissioner Tim Hagen. I've begun to draft a debate strategy in case I get into a debate with him. I have been told that a Shaker student ran against him for county commissioner a number of years ago. Commissioner Hagen agreed to debate this student at the high school. So if I can get on the ballot, and get into a debate with Tim Hagen, I think I might be able to debate him at the high school, which would certainly be an interesting event, and one that I would look forward to.

Why are you starting with

such a large goal, instead of something smaller?

AM: The reason I am running for governor as opposed to state representative or a state senate seat is when I

"I Think that the moderate wing of the Republican Party... has a political stranglehold on politics in Ohio"

ALEX MADORSKY
Senior

was at camp this summer working as a counselor, we were discussing the governors of different states.

It basically occurred to me that I think I can do as good, or a better job than Bob Taft has in running the state. If I can do as good a job as he can, you might as well have somebody cool like me. Basically, I am going to shake things up.

•Protests arise after West Nile sprayings in Shaker

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follow up on it, the person wouldn't return calls," said Dr. Scott Frank, head of Shaker's department of public health.

During the protest, Mayor Judith Rawson and Frank invited everyone inside to discuss the questions and concerns of the protesters.

"This is a situation that the Center for Disease Control says is serious," Rawson said.

One of the other precautions that the city took was the relocation of the Regatta. The relocation of the Regatta was to minimize the exposure to mosquitoes that could have potentially carried West Nile Virus.

Five crows were found earlier this month and were sent to Columbus to be tested for West Nile Virus. All five birds were found to be infected.

Twenty-five more birds were found before the spraying, seven of which were infected.

The city immediately sprayed standard larvicide in the affected

areas and moved on to permethrin when the bird tests came back positive.

According to Frank, the city has no more plans for spraying but the results of the most recent mosquito census might dictate another effort.

The West Nile Virus is rare. The New York State Health Department says that there is a 1 in 300,000 chance that someone can contract the disease.

People in good health may experience flu-like symptoms or nothing at all. The most at risk of West Nile are frail elderly people and very young children.

It creates flu like symptoms that can have serious complication, such as an inflammation of the brain, which can lead to death. In New York there were 62 serious cases of West Nile

reported, seven of which were fatal. Of those dead, three were taking drugs for cancer treatment.

Liza Moody, Allison Waithe and Lauren Gardner contributed to this article.

"This is a situation that the Center for Disease Control says is serious."

JUDITH RAWSON
Mayor of Shaker Heights



David Meyers/The Shakerite

Junior Elise Weinberger and freshman Ellie Kibbe run in a cross country race at Walsh Jesuit High School on Sept. 8. Weinberger, who found out about the West Nile Virus through her involvement with horses, is not concerned about contracting the virus. "I horseback ride, and I learned that the biggest threat [of West Nile] is to horses and birds," Weinberger said. The presence of infected birds in neighborhoods near the high school caused the city to spray lavacide and insecticide in the North Boulevard, South Onaway and Moreland neighborhoods. Athletic practices were not suspended.

Shaker, get pumped?

• No more pep rallies policy formed, Student Council discusses alternatives

Allison Waithe
Copy Editor

We have spirit, yes we do! We have spirit how 'bout you?

It doesn't seem to matter how much spirit Shaker has these days, since there aren't going to be pep rallies any time soon.

Principal Michael Griffith canceled last spring's pep rally after a fight in the cafeteria and a false fire alarm on March 23.

The pep rally was rescheduled to the next Tuesday but canceled again because teachers complained about another shortened schedule.

So far Griffith and Student Council have not planned any pep rallies for this year, although they have planned an athletic recognition assembly.

According to Griffith the discontinuance of pep rallies isn't strictly due to behavior.

"We [the high school administrators] aren't convinced that [a pep rally] is necessarily the best way to demonstrate the kind of school spirit that we support," Griffith said.

"Why don't we have recognition for Academic Decathlon and Romeo and Juliet?" the principal said.

Griffith would rather to honor all the activities at the high school in small ceremonies instead of having a big pep rally centered on athletics alone.

"Is marching 1000 students

into the gym to celebrate athletics what we want to do?" he said.

"There are so many things we do, and we don't celebrate those things."

Student Council has coordinated other events to boost school spirit. "We have planned several events throughout the school year."

Some of these include color wars [when different grades wear different colors], spirit days and school dances," Student Council President JR Siegel said.

Pep rallies have traditionally revolved around sports, and the discontinuance of the rallies has left women's cross country runner Meg Robenalt feeling dismayed.

"You put so much time and effort into your sport," the junior said. "Even though you do it for yourself and your team it's still nice to know that the school supports you."

Student Council is planning on holding different events to recognize athletes.

"We are planning on having breakfasts to support the teams, much the same as we did last year," Siegel said. "Having athletes wear their jerseys to school is another way to honor them."

But Siegel thinks that the best support comes from the students.

"The best way to honor our athletes is to show your support by attending their games."

OLD GLORY DISPLAYED IN HONOR OF VICTIMS



Will Boatwick/The Shakerite

American flags, like this one hanging from the away stands at Russell H. Rupp Field, appeared in large numbers throughout Shaker and the country. For more information on the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, see the news and opinion articles on pages 4 and 5.

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STUDENTS AND TEACHERS COPE AFTER TERRORISM KILLS THOUSANDS

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wrote. "Our students and their teachers have shown that they are compassionate and resilient. We can all be proud of them."

Freeman also expressed that all attempts were made to shield elementary school students from the disaster. "We protected children from the devastating images on television and limited

discussion of this week's tragic events," Freeman wrote.

Paula Freiberg, a fourth grade teacher at Fernway Elementary School, remembered watching the events unfold on TV during her lunch break. Freiberg noted a sharp contrast between the events unfolding in New York and the peaceful scene on the school playground.

"I remember looking at a playground of happy children," Freiberg said. "That was probably my biggest memory of the day - children of various backgrounds playing together."

On Sept. 14, the Friday after the attack, the district held a moment of silence at noon in memory of those lost. The event was marked by the ringing of the Woodbury bell.

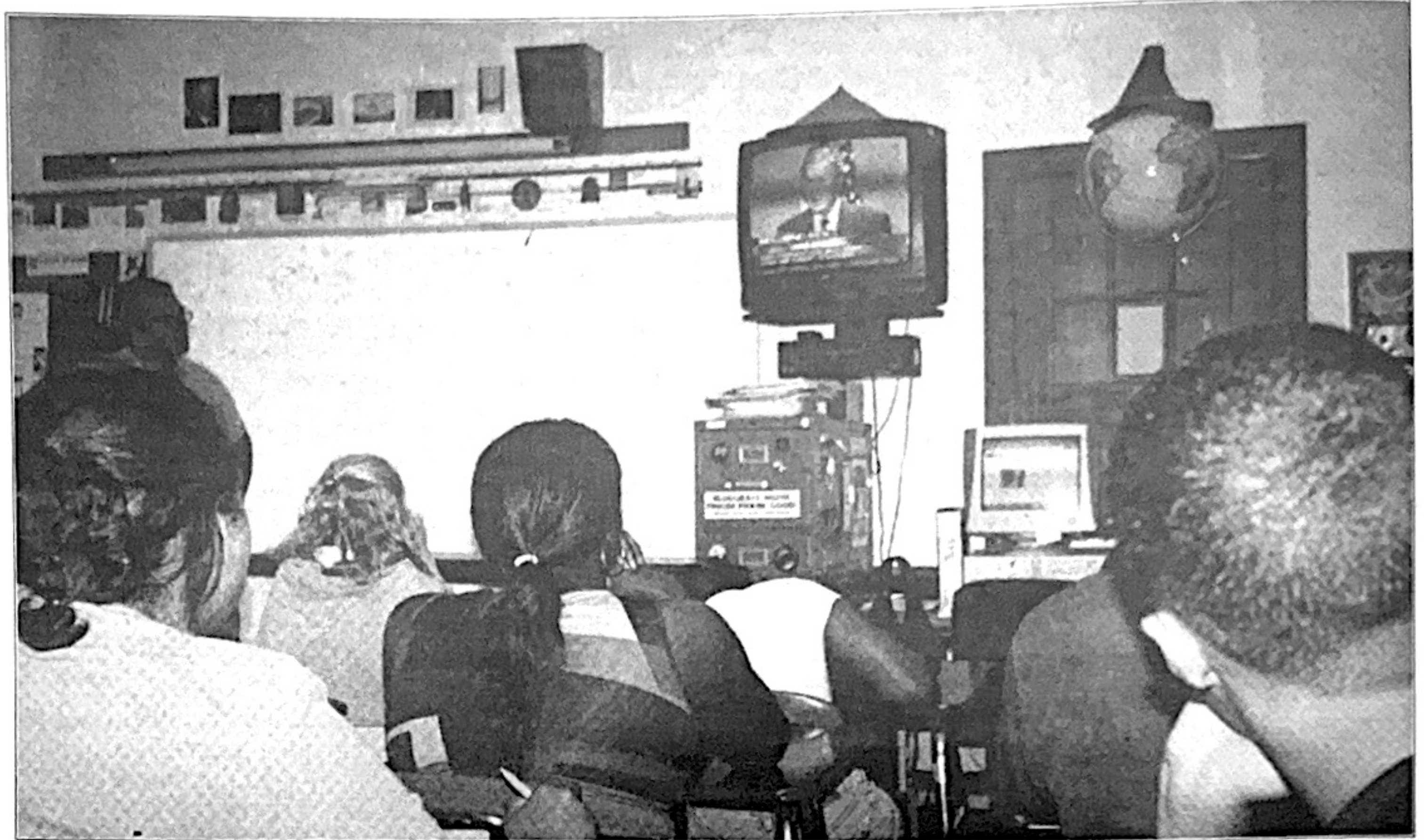
That same Friday, during 2nd period, a service was conducted over the P.A. system. Principal Michael D. Griffith and Student Council President JR Siegel spoke. The A Cappella choir performed "America the Beautiful" and "The Lord Bless You and Keep You."

"Today, we struggle to return to normalcy," Griffith said. "We send a message to the rest of the world today. We stand united as a community... in the land of the free and the home of the brave." Student Council announced that all proceeds from the September 15 Back-to-School Dance, \$3100, would go to the relief effort in New York and Washington.

Senior Tramelle King was personally moved by the service of Sept. 14.

"I thought it was appropriate because it was showing [the terrorists] that we really cared about... losing family members," King said. "I almost cried when the choir sang 'The Lord Bless You and Keep You.'"

Allison Waithe and Liza Moody contributed to this article.



Students in Andrew Glasier's tenth period American Government class watch the events of Sept. 11 unfold on TV. Teachers at Shaker had to decide at moment's notice whether or not to permit their students to watch the news in their classes.

"Wir Trauern Um Die Opfer" Shaker aids nation in times of desperate need in America

By Will Wemer
News Editor

Samara Wood of Adelaide, Australia woke up Sept. 12, turned on the radio, and heard the devastating news of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Wood, who came to Shaker last year on a yearlong foreign exchange, was devastated and heartbroken by the news. "I never could have imagined something like that happening in the country I had grown to love as a second home for so long," she said.

Wood, like other exchange students, has found it difficult to deal with the attack on their second homeland. Yet, exchange students who are living here in America for the next year or semester, have also had to deal with worried relatives back home and their own safety here in America.

Junior Edite Millere, an exchange student from Latvia, faces her own worries about what happened as well as her friends' worries back home. "Everyone was calling me and asking how I am," Millere said.

Junior Ulrike Breyer, on exchange from Radolfzell, Germany, has been in constant contact with friends back home. Students at her home school, Friedrich-Hecker-Gymnasium, have held

candlelight vigils to honor those lost and injured in the attacks, and have hoisted signs that say "Wir Trauern Um Die Opfer," German for "We mourn for the victims."

"Everyone is sorry for the people who lost family," Breyer said.

Yet while the attack has had an effect on foreign exchange students, it has also altered foreign exchange plans. Days after the attack, the parents of the six possible exchange students from Goslar, Germany, met and decided to cancel the annual Goslar-Shaker Heights exchange for the first time in its 23-year history.

Mary Ashcraft, director of the exchange in Shaker, said that she was disappointed by the cancellation, but could see merit in its actions.

"The main reason was the airplane trip," Ashcraft said. "It was also that [the exchange students] traditionally visit New York and Washington, D.C."

Despite the current concerns, junior Nate Emery, who is going on an exchange to Costa Rica next semester, feels that the risk involved with flying and traveling is minimal, if there is any danger at all.

"I'm not scared at all," Emery said. "For the next year or more, airlines are going to be uptight."

"Everyone was calling me and asking how I am."

EDITE MILLERE
Junior

By Steve Kawalek
Staff Reporter

In this time of crisis, people from all over America have chipped in and helped in the relief effort in Washington and in New York.

"I want to reassure the American people that the full resources of the federal government are working to assist local authorities to save lives and to help the victims of these attacks," President George W. Bush said on the day of the attack.

The government is not the only one putting money into this fund. People we see every day are doing all they can to help. Students at Shaker are lending a helping hand at this tragic time.

The student council raised \$3100 from the back to school dance on Sept. 15. The proceeds went to the Disaster Relief Fund.

"One of my classmates, Jason Fisher, decided that it would be a good idea to take the money that was raised from the back to school dance, and to send it to the Disaster Relief Fund in NYC,"

Student Council President JR Siegel said.

"I then spoke to Mr. Griffith, and he liked the idea and shared it with administration, who also thought it was for a great cause," Siegel said.

Y.E.H./Interact has also helped raise money for the fund. Over the past week, members of the club carried around empty pop cans, for donations to the Disaster Relief Fund. The club raised \$1300 dollars.

Sophomore Anna Abrams, a member of Y.E.H., helped out with the fund drive. "I'm glad to help any way I can. It's really great how willing people are to donate," she said.

The students here at the high school donated in other ways besides giving money. Students donated blood to the American Red Cross. Senior Kelley Bozarth was one of them. It was Bozarth's first time donating blood.

"I knew that it was something I needed to do," Bozarth said. "I needed to help some way, and I couldn't go to New York, so I donated blood."

SHAKER REMEMBERS

Susan Getzendanner
Shaker class of 1961
Killed while at work at the World Trade Center

Darin Pontell
Cousin of science teacher Brain Engel
Killed while at work at Pentagon

Jennifer Kwon
Cousin of Shaker resident Christina Ryook
Killed while at work at the World Trade Center

Shaker's thoughts on 9/11

"I wanted to curl up in my bed and make the world reverse."



ALEXIS HAYMAN
junior

"We need to remember that we shouldn't let this interrupt our normal lives."



ROOPA VASUDEVAN
senior

"How can we have peace when our government is set on retaliation?"



KARELLE HALL
sophomore

- Compiled by Mary O'Connell and Will Wemer

America adjusts to a tragic loss of life

By Alex Madorsky
Columnist

It is Sept. 11, 2001, and the most unspeakable horror in American history has occurred. Two jets have crashed into the World Trade Center, causing the buildings to crumble into rubble. A plane has crashed into the Pentagon, a seemingly infallible bastion of military might, causing nearly 200 deaths and a partial collapse of the affected area of the building. Another plane, diverted from its original West Coast destination, crashed not so far away from home, in Pennsylvania mining country. More than 6,000 are dead in New York City, southern Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C.

To me the horror is even greater because I am unsure if government can do anything to prevent such attacks. Members of the intelligence and national security community have discussed the need for greater investment in human intelligence (spies), but it seems that humankind's capacity to generate weapons of mass destruction has finally outstripped its capacity to control the havoc these weapons wreak.

America's old foe, Osama bin Laden, may very well be behind the attack. While it is not a certainty that he is, few other private citizens have the resources to finance such large-scale terror. It does not make geopolitical sense for Iran, Iraq or any other state to have perpetrated this attack. If Afghanistan is harboring bin Laden, either knowingly or unknowingly, the brutal Taliban regime, which rules over Afghanistan with an iron fist, may have its days numbered.

A declaration of war, or at least a military-police action, seems likely if Afghanistan is shown to have harbored bin Laden. President Bush's speech made it unequivocally and appropriately clear that no distinction will be made between those who provided a safe house for the evil fanatics who caused such destruction of life and the villains themselves. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Hugh Shelton seem not only ready to retaliate forcefully, but almost anxious to do so.

We now live in a world where terrorism is a constant and real threat, as the events of the day have made all too clear. All discussions of the current state of the budget and the economy must now include a serious look at reallocation of increasingly scarce resources to modernizing our conventional air and ground forces, as well as toward human intelligence.

Unfortunately, no fiscal policy will likely be enough to return more security to a destabilized world.

Once Americans reconcile themselves to terrorism as fact, rather than a distant nightmare, we can begin effectively neutralizing those who loath the standard of living and civil freedoms they have struggled so diligently to create.

Devastation brings reality of hate to light

By Ashley Davies
Opinion Co-editor

Sept. 11, 2001 branded our brains with memories we would rather forget. No matter where you were — chemistry, English or math — you will always remember what you were doing during the attack on America.

Students watched speechlessly in class as New York City burned, the Statue of Liberty, this country's symbol of freedom, stood in the background.

On this day, thousands of citizens died, not knowing that they would never get the chance to say their last good-byes to their loved ones, and their loved ones not knowing the same.

It seems inconceivable that someone could do such awful acts of terrorism and to take innocent lives is an act so heinous that no one word could describe it. Mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles, friends, husbands and wives all died on this day. This act not only devastated the people who were there and their loved ones, but also the world as a whole.

Two hundred sixty-six people died in the plane crashes alone, not knowing before they got on the plane that they were approaching the last moments of their lives.

Never could they have imagined the cold-blooded plot that had been planned months, even years before.

Somber tones dominated television, radio, and the Internet, as people were horrified at the possibility that in this day and age

there could be such violence and hatred. Is there no end to this violence? As I sat watching the news, I saw some Palestinians celebrate on this day, happy that many had died.

Hatred has dominated our way of life to the point where devastation must ensue for us to realize that there are people who hate us solely because of religion and other beliefs. The hate and violence has spread into the United States, as some

Muslims have been physically and verbally assaulted, as well as mosques being vandalized. This is not the answer to our problems. This type of violence is misguided and cowardly.

Sept. 11 will forever be a dark day in American history. America should not, and will not, tolerate these acts of terrorism. Our freedoms will be defended. The time for us to strike back is long overdue. There are no more slaps on the wrist, or halfhearted attempts to rid the world of such evil that threatens not only our democracy, but the world as a whole. Nor will we permit other countries to harbor terrorists that threaten our way of life.

The people of this great nation will no longer live their lives in fear. The American flag will fly at full staff again.

As President Bush stated in his national address, "A great people has been moved to defend a great nation. Terrorist attacks can shake the foundations of our biggest buildings, but they cannot touch the foundation of America."

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Shaker SPEAKS

"The longer that we don't go after Bin Laden, the longer the war is going to last."

- Vincent Shaw Jr.
Freshman

"We're not getting anywhere by attacking Islamic people. We need to come together as a country to find out who did this."

- Tyler Wadsworth
Junior

"When I first saw it on TV, I thought there was going to be a rash of racism."

- Loren Anthons
Junior

"This shouldn't be ignored, because people who kill will do it again unless they're stopped."

- Whitney Smith
Senior

"Strategic ground strikes should take place."

- Mike Bass
Senior

"When I first heard about it, I thought it was a small plane. Then when I found out what really happened I wondered whether they had enough time to get all of the people out of the buildings."

- William Scanlon
Science Teacher



Jay Gladden
Shakerite

An international terrorist incident is defined by the FBI as one committed by a group or individual that is foreign based and/or directed by countries or groups outside the United States or whose activities transcend national boundaries (U.S. department of State).

Dec. 21, 1988. Pan AM Flight 103 is attacked, killing 189 Americans (U.S. department of State).

May 25, 1998. Two journalists are killed when rebels in Sierra Leone shoot down a United Nations helicopter (U.S. Department of State).

October 12, 2000. Seventeen American sailors are killed after a boat full of explosives crashes into the USS Cole in the Yemeni Port of Aden (U.S. department of State).

Sept. 6, 1998. Three aid workers in a United Nations Refugee Aid center are murdered by a militia-led mob in Atambua, West Timor (U.S. Department of State).

April 19, 1995. The Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City is destroyed by explosives placed inside a truck. One hundred and sixty eight people are killed as well as hundreds more wounded (Washington Post).

F.Y.I.



Unity welcomed, but sorely missing in peaceful times

As America recovers from recent terrorist attacks, our cooperation and goodwill have prevailed. Support and unity, however, shouldn't be reserved for only hard times. People need to work together even in times of prosperity and happiness.

Never have Americans felt so proud to wave Old Glory — the 50 stars and 13 stripes of our freedom, our promise to our forefathers to stand as a nation even in times of crisis.

In Washington, all conflicts were suspended amid the shock and grief. Even the Senate, a conundrum of partisanship and bad blood, put aside differences and came together for a startling, although not completely melodious, rendition of "God Bless America."

Indeed, millions all over the nation put their lives on hold as they watched and prayed for their fellow Americans.

Why did it take the slaughter of 6,000 people to unite us? When flights at Cleveland Hopkins Airport were canceled

on that terrible day, thousands of people were stranded. Native Clevelanders took in strangers, fed them and mourned with them over the tremendous loss of life. Why did it take this long to bring us together?

The situation has not only brought this country together, but has brought our school community together and has brought behavior problems to a screeching halt. On Thursday, Sept. 13, during third period, the student body's new mannerisms were demonstrated. In what seemed like fewer than two minutes, the building was completely evacuated of more than 2000-plus students and faculty for a false alarm. Security guards reported not having to ask students to relocate to their designated fire drill areas numerous times, something they are often forced to do in light of students' refusal. Why is it that we only know how to be-

have once there's been a national threat to our overall security?

Security personnel said that in the days after the attack, students were very well behaved and far fewer students were hanging in the halls. They said students were quiet. A few prayed. Many seemed disturbed. "I think they were concerned about their future," security guard Mark Desmond said.

If anything should come out of this experience it should be the new sense of our own mortality as well as a reminder of the common bond that we all share — that we are all Americans.

As the world mourned our tragedy we stood our ground, caught our breath and kept on moving. And even after the emotions of today recede, we should remember this tragedy, our reaction, and, to ensure that history doesn't repeat itself, continue to act as a united student body and a unified nation.

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IDEA**



Cheers
and

JEERS

Cheers to the New York Fire Department. 'Nuff said.

Jeers to all acts of hatred.

Cheers to Major League Baseball for postponing all games.

Jeers to Bill Maher for his comments.

Cheers to the Browns beating the Lions.

International sympathy for Americans prevails in wake of attack

German citizens offer kind words to travelers, but worry about retaliation



Matt Seidner
Staff reporter

News of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon traveled quickly around the world. It reached me at approximately 2 p.m. in Munich, Germany. The unfolding events delayed by three days my family's return to the United States. When I did arrive, I noticed some differences between German and American sentiments. I had just returned to my hotel room in Munich and turned on the TV to see if there was anything on that I could understand. I was flipping through the channels, and all of a sudden, I saw

these two enormous buildings on fire. I passed them, and then thought to myself, "Oh my God, those were the World Trade Centers." I turned back to that channel, and watched with horror on CNN, the only channel that was in English. It was revealed that the Pentagon had been attacked as well, and the realization that America was truly under attack began to resonate.

One of the first things that I noticed after the attacks was the hospitality strangers showed me as an American in their country. Usually it was just after I ordered food from a restaurant or café. Almost immediately, whenever I was talking to know I was American and offered condolences.

The newspapers and TV shows in Germany portrayed the attacks much more graphically than in the United States. I saw video of men and women jumping out of the buildings and plummeting to their deaths. At first I was incredulous; they didn't

even look like people. They looked like rag dolls being tossed around in the air. The newspapers also outdid the United States in terms of graphic photos with pictures of people jumping to their deaths. Seeing these pictures reminded me of the old phrase, "A picture is worth a thousand words," and I don't think I will ever be able to forget those images.

The day after the attacks, I traveled to Erlangen, Germany, to visit a family that my father has met through various medical conferences. The attacks were on everyone's mind, and our talks were extensive. The whole family was shocked that such an atrocity could occur. "It was horrible, and it was like science fiction. I saw this 20 times and then I believed," Gertrude Demmler-Schwab said.

Another prevalent feeling

among many Germans with whom I spoke was trepidation about the possible reaction by President George W. Bush. "I'm a little bit afraid of a situation in which he could act too quickly and too emotionally," Dr. Dieter Schwab said. Schwab also worried that innocent people might be hurt in such an attack.

"I think that the president is one who shows a lot of violence. The words he takes to produce something are too violent. I'm afraid that he can't stop his emotions," Demmler-Schwab said.

When I returned to Shaker, I found similar opinions, although, American students remained more behind the president. Angelo Ajayi, a senior, thinks that Bush is going to follow through with what his current plans. "Bush isn't going to stop until he finds bin Laden and in-

nocents will be lost if bin Laden isn't handed over."

"I think he's probably going to follow through with what his (initial plans). I don't think [Bush is] a strong decision maker, but I think he takes advice well," said Eileen O'Neill, a sophomore.

The Daily Show, a comedy news show hosted by Jon Stewart, is usually not my main source for good editorial content.

But Thursday, Sept. 20, Stewart summed up my feelings in one of the best monologues I have ever heard. Stewart said,

"You know, all this talk about 'These guys are criminal masterminds. They've gotten together and their extraordinary guile... and their wit and their skill.' It's a lie. Any fool can blow something up. Any fool can destroy. But to see these guys, these firefighters, these policemen, and people from all over the country, literally, with buckets, rebuilding. That's extraordinary. That's why we've already won."

**It was horrible.
It was like science fiction.
I saw it 20 times and then
I believed.**

The time is now to strengthen our borders and stop the flow of drugs into our country

Rob Rains
Opinion Co-editor

Ever since the recent terrorist attack, America has been on its guard. Security has been beefed up at all public events and airports. Our country is on the watch for all illegal activity except for one area of the country. Down South, on the Mexican border, is one of the messiest situations in the country.

Our borders are being ransacked by drug smugglers. They come in on buses, trucks, cars or just walk into the United States. This is nothing new, as in the 1980s cartels set up inside the United States and Baja California.

As the dealers soon discovered, it was laughably easy for them to cross back and forth with their contraband. The drug lords operate internationally; with connections all over South America, they use the Mexican border as their entrance into the United States.

President Clinton created Operation Hardline, a \$55 million program that targeted 58 locations on the Rio Grande border. The program boasted the latest in technology, including x-rays able to penetrate vehicles. Operation Hardline only enjoyed mild success, as the excess of drugs flowyear.

According to the Ross Report, more than 70 percent of all the

cocaine in the United States comes in from Mexico, and with an estimated 86 million trucks passing through the border every year it is impossible to adequately police the area. It seems that the economic ambitions of Mexico and the United States are only hurting the people. Before President Bush decides to open our borders officially, he must take better control of the border.

A typical border patrol is understaffed. There is always a line of cars waiting to get in and out of the country. The workers are given quotas of 75 cars an hour. With three people, it is quite difficult to search all trucks and cars and make the quota.

"Not a single pound of cocaine was confiscated from more than 2 million trucks that passed through the Southwest border."

Ross Perot, on an episode of *Larry King Live* in 1996 also claimed, "Not a single pound of

cocaine was confiscated from more than 2 million trucks that passed through three of the busiest entry points along the Southwest border where federal officials say the most of the drug enters the country." Perot also claimed that 90 percent of the marijuana in the United States comes through the Mexican border. If it is already this easy, why don't we just take all the people away from the border and just stop wasting our time?

The Mexican government has made promises to clean up the drug smuggling, but the evidence points only to a government with its hands tied. In 1984, the El

Bufalo case, which gave a look into the unctuous practices of the Mexican government, revealed a number of high-ranking police officers and border patrol workers having significant roles in the drug smuggling into the United States.

It seems like every time the United States takes a step forward, in terms of controlling the drug problem, there are

thousands of other people who are sneaking in under their noses.

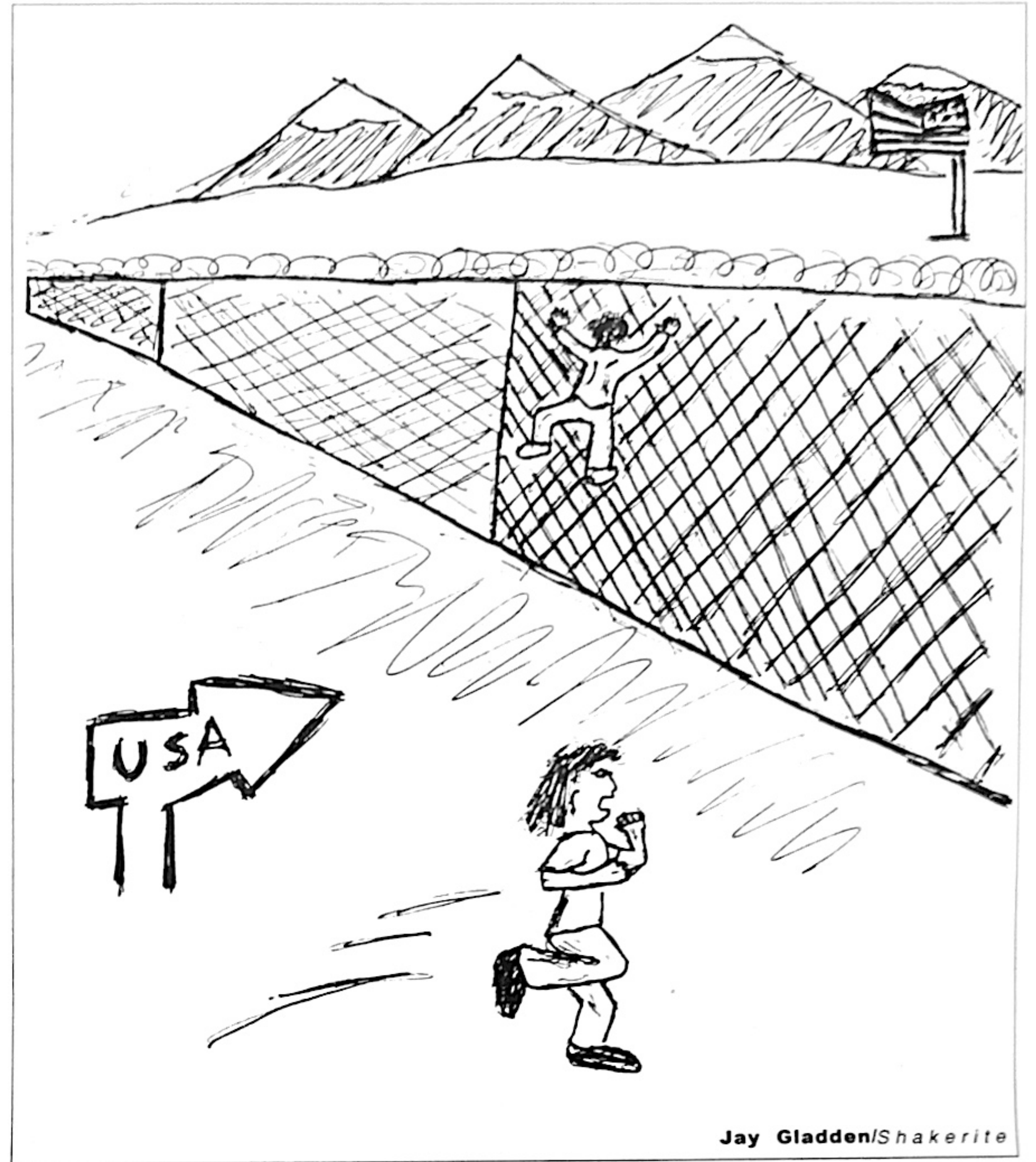
South American drug cartels, with the help of the flawed NAFTA program, successfully smuggle millions of pounds of drugs into the United States every year.

In turn, the federal government must shell out money and create programs to arrest these drug dealers, treat the addicts

and imprison the culprits.

In order for the federal government to adequately compete with these cartels it must first devise a plan to devote more resources to the border. It is simply insufficient to spend \$500 million on a program that can be easily matched by the drug cartels.

It is imperative for us to have a strong border so that we may ward off drug dealers and gun smugglers.



Jay Gladden/Shakerite

Shame on '01 for taking the couches with them

Well, I made it, I'm a senior. One of the greatest perks about being a senior is the privilege of having a lounge just for you.

On the first day I walked down to the senior lounge, hoping to take a quick nap only to find that there were no couches in the senior lounge. Great, I thought, I'll just lie down on this table to get some shut eye. I was told that the seniors from last year

defamed the couches and tables, so they were removed. Look, when you are tired, I don't care if it's a bean bag chair. Just put something out that I can lie down on or lounge in. Perhaps I should bring in some inflatable furniture so I may benefit from the early morning solitude of the senior lounge.

So while I correct my posture on this wooden table I hope the class of '01 is laughing it up.



10-second

tick-off

Pity us.

We're out of ideas.

One to 6 p.m. Sunday and 3-10 p.m. Monday. Just another

deadline for the proud few at The Shakerite. Next time somebody wants to criticize The Shakerite for a misspelled name, realize that at ten o'clock at night, they all look the same.

Appreciate how hard the staff works to get a first-class paper out on time every month. Don't be so quick to say that we don't do anything or that it's easy, because when it's 10 p.m. on a Monday, we're in here, holding our bladders because the bathrooms are locked, making a paper.

NASCAR drivers are not athletes

Since when are NASCAR drivers considered professional athletes.

Professional athletes such as Michael Jordan or Wayne Gretzky have exceptional skill. You get somebody in a hurry on any highway in America, and they can drive just like your favorite NASCAR driver. What kind of workout does a NASCAR driver go through? What sort of

exercises does one need to do in order to be a good driver? Bicep curls, bench press or perhaps long distance driving to build up your endurance?

Am I a professional athlete because I have my driver's license?

If these drivers are so great, how come there's a major accident in almost every race?

FALLING FOR FASHION: EXPLORING SHAKER STYLE

We all know clothes don't *really* matter, but when it comes to style, Shaker is a breeding ground for unique and eclectic fashions. Take a look at some of the trends we found in the halls to see how varied our styles are- from the crazy to the conservatives, the dressy to the casual, we have it all!



Sophomores Amani Floyd, Roz Bishop and Kelly Hutcherson look stylish in sparkles, stripes and hoop earrings.



Juniors Pamela Witznizer and Von-Erik George compliment each other in light blue

The Ultimate Outfit

We took your comments about your favorite trends and put them together to form the epitome of Shaker style



"One of my favorite shirts is a rugby shirt and since rugby is a guy's sport, gives me a chance to express a side of me that makes me feel comfortable."
— Andréa Thoenes, senior

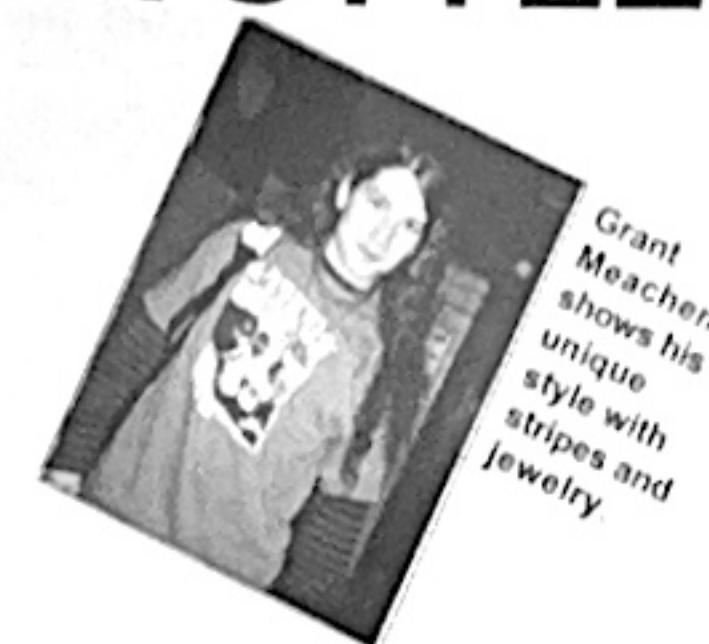
"I like my black boots because they go with everything."
— Robin Sadler, senior

"I wear name brand shirts because they're tight and the ladies love them."
— Brandon McCafferty, junior

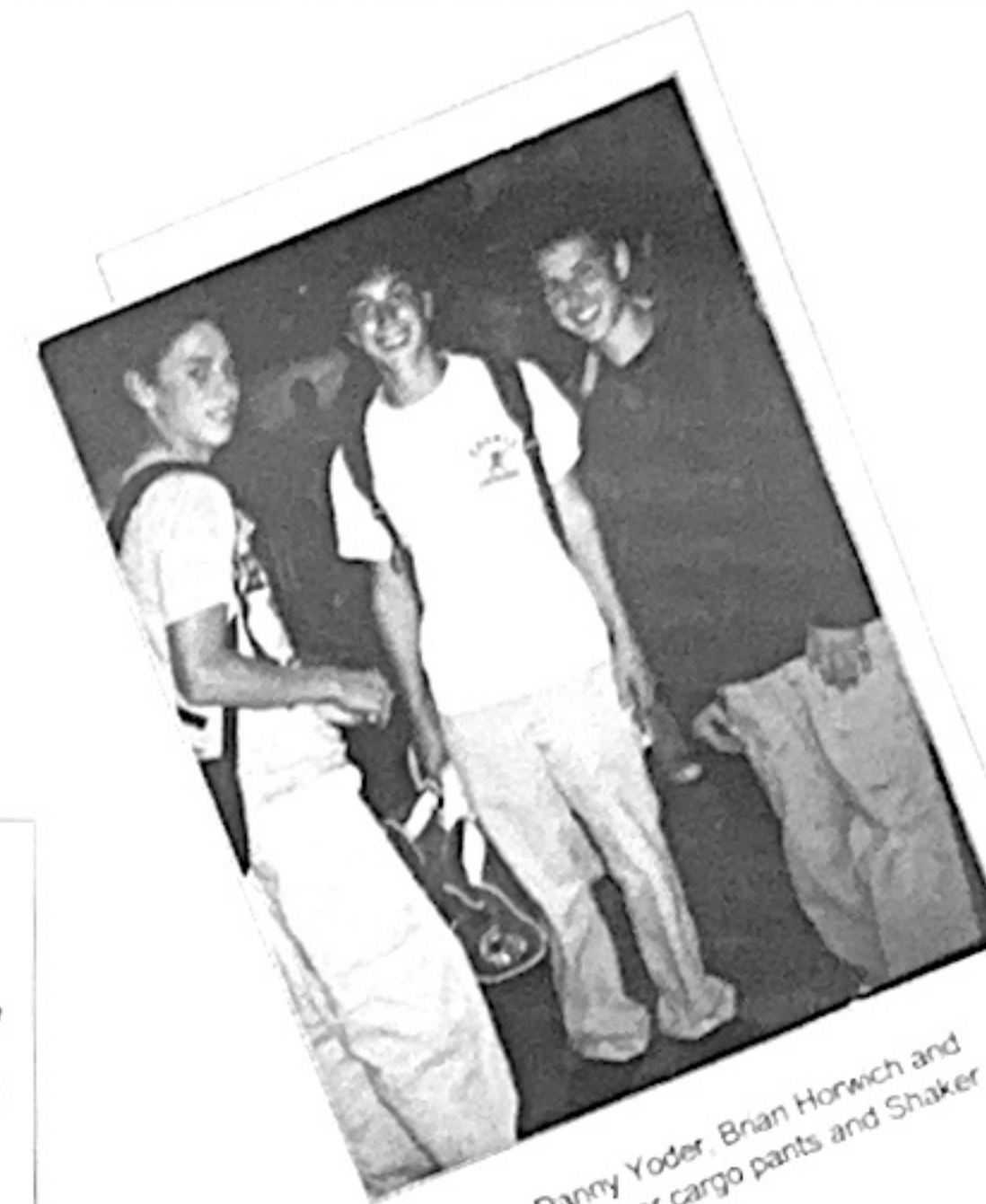
"I like cargo pants because they have 50 million pockets. I just never know what to do with them all!"
— Ben Zimmer, freshman



Senior Matt Leseur gets his hair braided by fellow senior Lakeya Wilson.



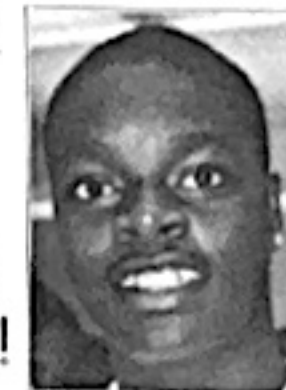
Grant Meachem shows his unique style with stripes and jewelry



Freshmen Danny Yoder, Brian Horwich and Adam Gurney wear cargo pants and Shaker gear

TIME OUT!!

Look at this kid's teeth!



"I just got them for the shine, so you can see me from far away," said junior Ryan Lewis.

By Lauren Gardner and Liza Moody
Centerpiece Co-Editors

Where can you find earrings, flip-flops, Prada bags, plaid pants, overalls, leather coats, and cargo pants all in one place? Yes, that's right, Shaker Heights High School. Walking down the halls, you can't help but notice the diverse styles of clothing. Whether they are a reflection of our cultural differences or our own personal opinions, it's obvious the students at Shaker take advantage of their freedom to dress the way they choose. Although many students feel affected by their peers' opinions of their style, most are still confident to wear what they please.

According to a survey conducted by The Shakerite, the majority of students do feel judged by what they wear. However, the majority of Shaker students also responded that they spend a minimal time of 5-10 minutes to get ready and dressed for school. "Though I do feel judged by what I wear, that doesn't affect the amount of time I'm willing to spend getting ready. I'd rather sleep longer," sophomore Mandy Kovach said. Senior Roopa Vasudevan values her sleep as well. "I think

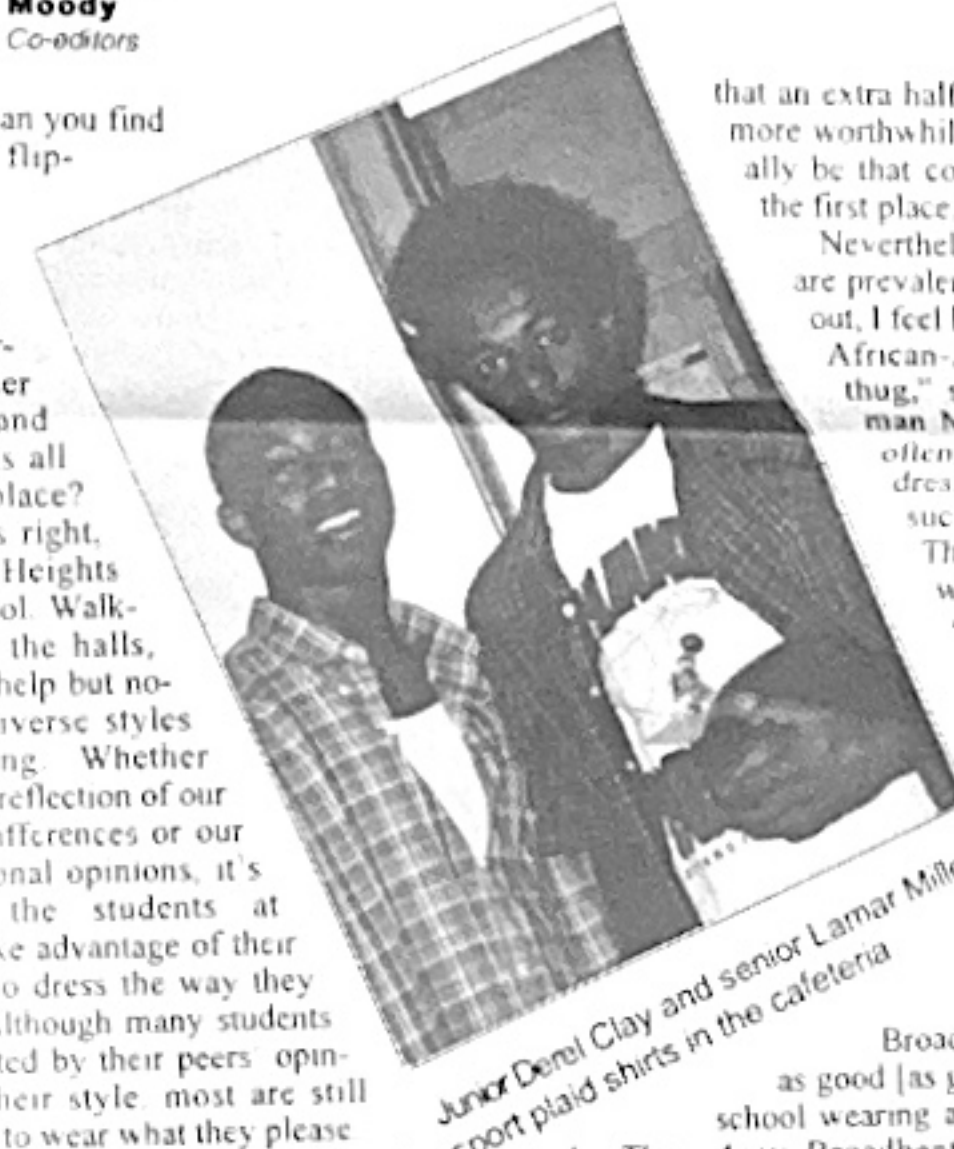
that an extra half hour of sleep in the morning is much more worthwhile. I don't think that anyone should really be that concerned about everyone's opinions in the first place," she said.

Nevertheless, students feel that such judgments are prevalent in their everyday life. "Anytime I go out, I feel like I'm judged by what I wear. Being an African-American male, people label me as a 'thug,'" sophomore Jock Williams said. Freshman Morissa Freiberg says she feels judged often as well. "Because of the unique way I dress, people ask, 'Do you dress such and such way because you like punk music?' The answer is always no, because I am who I choose to be, and that is an individual," she said.

One problem with our uniform-free school is the pressure on students to dress a certain way. This is especially apparent in the differences in fashion between boys and girls. "I think girls face a higher standard to dress in a more attractive and stylish way than boys," sophomore David Morgenstern said.

Junior Amy Broadbent agrees. "Guys don't have to look as good [as girls]. Nobody cares if they just come to school wearing an old T-shirt and tennis shoes," junior Amy Broadbent said. Junior Jarryd Tribble proves Broadbent right. "[My friends and I] don't come to school to please anybody," he said.

Regardless of what pressures influence the styles of boys or girls, students said that gaining the attention of a special someone is one exception when certain pressures affect their fashion. "If I like a boy, I may wear a cute outfit to get his attention, but never anything beyond that," senior Monique Heard said.



Junior Demit Clay and senior Lamar Miller sport plaid shirts in the cafeteria

No matter what forces impact the various styles of students, it's unlikely that they will be induced to change. "There's definitely certain attributes associated with different styles, but as long as I'm me, it doesn't really matter what I wear," Vasudevan said.



Separated at birth? Mr. Hoskins and senior Tristan Ribar wear identical outfits

Shaker Speaks:

What is the craziest thing you have seen in the hall?

"I see one girl everyday wearing stripes plaid and I think it should be the new fad. It's cool!"



halle MORSE



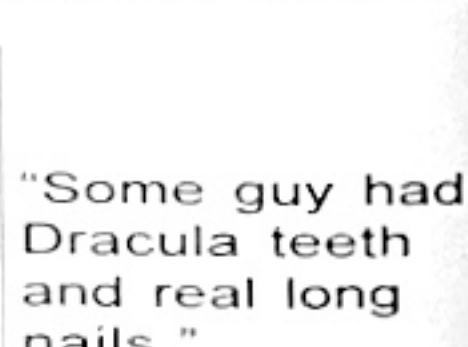
stephen PETURES
"I've seen kids wearing puffy coats in the summer... and I think it's weird."



jackie GLEISSER
"There was this girl with a leopard print skirt and a devil's tail"



sean BARKER
"Sophomore year, I saw Johnny Waller, Larry Sims and Stephen Midgett wearing dresses"



alex BOOM
"Some guy had Dracula teeth and real long nails"

What do you think of some of the trends you see at school?



christen CLAYTOR

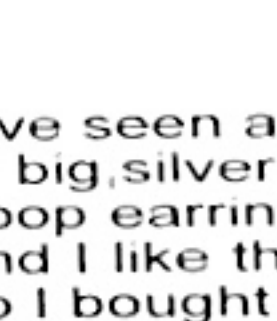
"A lot of the styles from the 80s are creative, like big belts and paint on jeans"



paige JONES
"This year's trends are much more relaxed. Now people just roll up jeans with flip-flops."



mr. MORGAN
"I've seen girls wearing pants with the tops cut off and I think showing your underwear is inappropriate in school"



kathryn SWARY
"I've seen a lot of big silver hoop earrings and I like them, so I bought a pair"



kyan JOHNSON
"I've seen big name brands, it attracts other sexes. It's called gear. We have Rocawear, Iceberg, Coogi..."

There's no drag in Shaker racing

The drag racing phenomenom sweeping the country is picking up speed in Shaker

By Rob Rains
Opinion co-editor

The two cars, lined up on the white line, the front tip of the car glistening under the street lights. The two motorists each rev their engines, in a defiant gesture toward the other racer. The light switch suddenly hit green and vroom!

Six cylinders of pure power and three hundred and sixty horsepower come roaring down the road increasing speeds with every second that ticks away. The motorists race past the finish line and catch the next light, each breathing a sigh of relief.

"Adrenaline," exclaims one student, who declined to have his name used for this story. "Just feeling all that power in your engine, you can't be touched".

Like a Mustang firing out of Miles Road, drag racing has come into its own in the last two years, with a fury that many thought was long dead. Hollywood has played a large part in the resurgence of drag racing with movies such as "Fast and the Furious" (2001) and "Gone in Sixty Seconds" (1999). Both films glorified the sport of racing cars as a type of

"I'll race anywhere anytime, could be two cop cars right behind us and I'll gun it. Just run up to the Porsche, rev your engine twice, and its on."

ANONYMOUS
senior

rush that could not be satisfied.

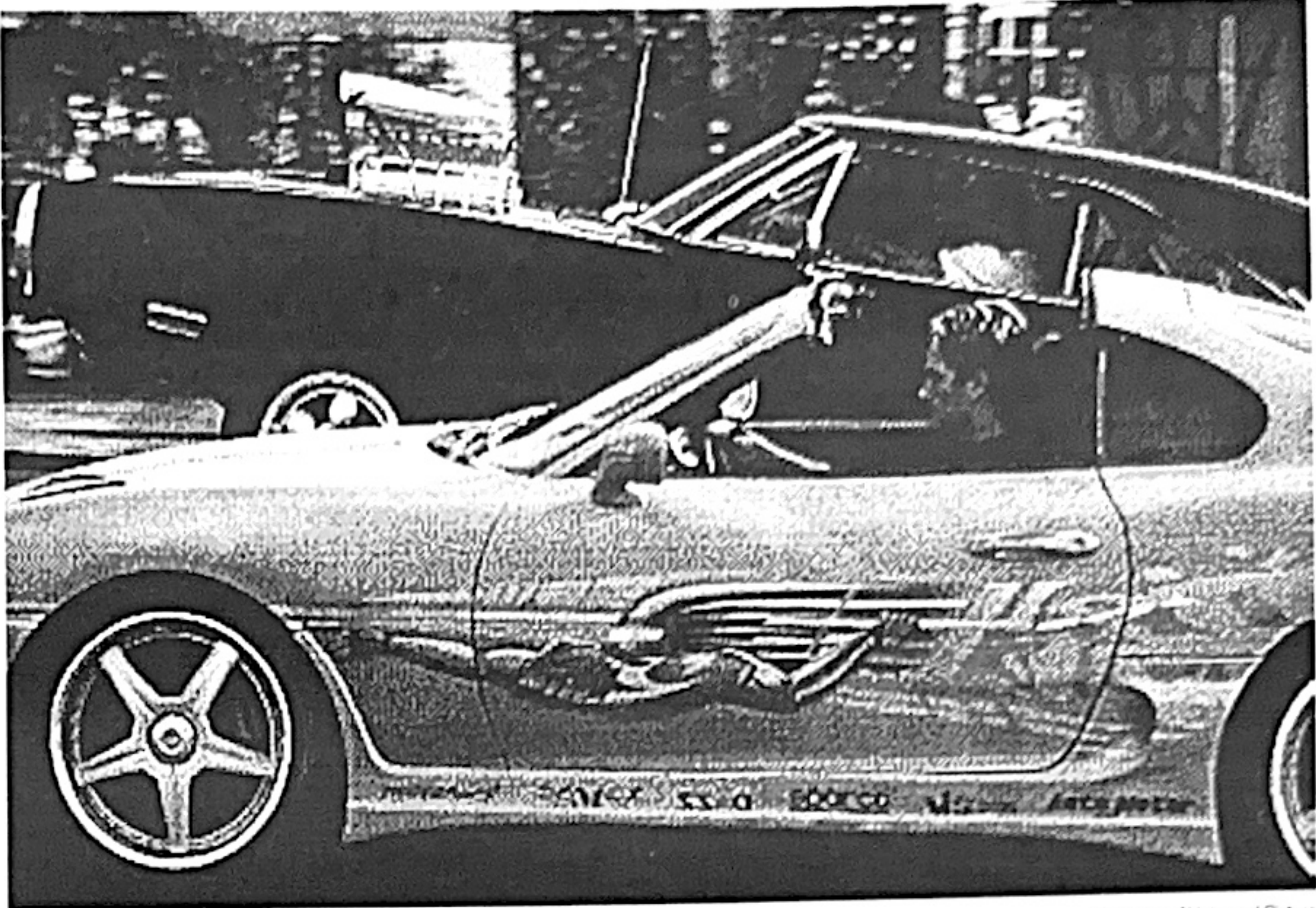
Students at Shaker regularly sport racing jackets, with the large logos and ostentatious colors that scream racer.

"Part of being a teenager is racing," declares one student, a junior, who enjoys racing on the weekends. While the student regularly admits that movies such as "Gone in Sixty Seconds" played a role in his newfound interest, his passion was somewhat bequeathed by his father. "My pops always used to race with people when they rolled next to him. I used to love to listen to the engine roar and feel the gears shift."

Not all students inherited their love of racing though. "I just do it for bragging rights," declared one student, a senior, who races in a fire apple Porsche. "I'll race anywhere anytime, could be two cop cars right behind us and I'll gun it. Just run up to the Porsche, rev your engine twice and it's on!"

Typically not all students who race are this audacious. "We try to get people to look out on different sides of the street, block incoming cars until after the race."

Though drag racing is obvi-



Courtesy of Universal Pictures

ously taking place the Shaker Police were mute on the topic. A phone call to the Shaker Police led to the statement that "As far as (we are aware of) no drag racing is taking place nor has any been reported."

Drag racing is illegal and can lead to serious injuries, much like any car accident. In addition to disturbing the peace, racing is considered reckless endangerment because of the high speeds for which many racers reach. Many racers illegally upgrade their automobiles in order to race faster. Such tricks of the trade in-

clude but are not limited to the use of Nitrous Oxide, or 'NOS', which goes in the engine and when released increases pressure in the engine and shoots the car forward.

Recently, in California, San Diego County Police along with the National Highway Safety Administration and the California Office of Traffic Safety have started LegalRace.com. The group, a non-profit organization, organizes legal places for people to race.

The county reported more than twenty deaths in the last

three years, including eight deaths in a one hundred twenty day span in 1998. While street racers in California continue to race illegally, the option of racing legally remains.

Many wonder why students would be so willing to risk their lives for five seconds of glory but to these students it pales in comparison to being showed up.

"I am willing to take that risk to receive those bragging rights," claimed one senior who races a Ford F-150. The Porsche racer then declares, "You race at your own risk."

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What's in your locker,
Erica Davis and
Krystal Redcross?



Erica Davis

What's with all the books?
"We use every single book on a daily basis."

What about that magnet?
"Well, we're looking to get shelves, actually. We're planning to decorate, but all we have is a magnet, so far."

How do you stay organized?
"[Krystal] bought soft binders, [Erica] bought hard ones, so we know whose is whose."

-Compiled by Francesca Klein
and Sara Reichstein

Everyone say
"Cheese"...again

By Sara Reichstein
Feature co-editor

Sit straight, tilt head, raise chin, and open those eyes!

Every year, these same monotonous words are repeated on picture day again... and again... and again.

And now 200 Shaker Students have to hear those words yet another time.

On Sept. 13, 2001 picture day, one out of four cameras taking pictures mal-

functioned, leaving many without pictures. Ohio School Pictures, the company that takes Shaker's pictures, took full responsibility.

"We do apologize," Terry Koshier of Ohio School Pictures said. "However, this rarely happens. In only one out of nearly 2000 school picture sessions taken every year, does this happen."

The company sent a letter of apology to everyone without pictures, and set a date for free retakes.

"This is the first time in ten years this has happened," said academic advisor Mary Lynne McGovern, who's in charge of school pictures.

So what exactly happened to the

mystery camera? Ohio School Pictures described it as "fog," or when light gets into the magazine of the camera. They reported it as a camera defect, and sent it to be repaired. However, Gene Kotmel, the photography teacher, thought it could be something else.

"[The photographer] could have done everything perfectly, and the camera could have been in perfect working order. The film could have had a manufacturer's defect."

Some students were happy with this change of plans, however.

"Personally, I'm happy because I took a bad picture," Freshman Eleanor Kibbe said.



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Jennifer Broadbent
Managing Editor

Goslar greetings

Junior Jennifer Broadbent, *The Shakerite's* Managing Editor, is attending the Goslar Ratsgymnasium in Goslar, Germany this semester.

Greetings from Germany! I am spending a semester in Goslar, along with Shaker junior Hans Rinderknecht.

Spending a semester in a foreign country is one of the craziest but coolest experiences a student can have.

When I got on the plane in mid August, I thought I had made a mistake. I was sad to leave my friends and family for almost five months and go to a country where I couldn't speak the language. However, I knew that there was no turning back.

Goslar is a beautiful town. About 1000 years old, the city is full of small cobblestone streets and winding back alleys. Getting from one side of the city to the other takes only 15 minutes on foot. With a population just a little larger than Shaker, I see a familiar face everywhere I go.

The German school system is one of the biggest perks of being here. Every day we take a different set of classes. A given class meets at most four times a week. Instead of having a substitute if a teacher is absent, classes are cancelled for the day and students can go home. Then, after a six period day, school is over by 1:10 p.m.

Weekdays in America mainly comprise of school, activities and sports, which only leaves time for homework after school. However, school in Germany is considered a morning activity and the rest of the day is free time. Students can go to a café, shop or just hang out.

The first day of school was bewildering. I was still a little jet-lagged and my German was put to the test. I still have no idea what happened in class that Monday because I could hardly understand anything that was said. In fact, I only spoke two words the whole week, *ja* and *danke* (yes and thanks).

Since then, understanding others is easier. At this point I understand most conversations and can respond in simple sentences. Thankfully, Germans are all very friendly and understand that exchange students are often confused.

In mid-August, Goslar had its Alt Stadt (old city) Fest. Three music stages were set up around the city. With a carefree atmosphere and a beer garden (the drinking age is 16), people were dancing everywhere. We even ran into a man from Berlin carrying a ukulele, singing a song about West Virginia.

I am having a great time. The first two weeks of October are fall break and I will keep *The Shakerite* up to date.

I would like to say hi and *viele gluck* (good luck) to Nadine and Dorle, who are at Shaker this semester from Goslar.

•Pregnancy problems hit close to home

PREGNANCY

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of the high school's three social workers or to Tushman.

Fathers involved in teen pregnancies, a group that usually escapes attention, face their own issues. According to Tushman, a male who gets a girl pregnant often experiences feelings of sexual accomplishment.

But fear of being tied down with grown-up responsibilities can cause a boy to deny involvement and rationalize not taking responsibility.

Not all boys say they would behave irresponsibly, however. To support a baby, "I would work at Subway for minimum wage, like I do now," said Dan Evans, a sophomore.

"I'd freak out," said Devon Cherry, "but I would ask my parents for help." Cherry said he would even be willing to talk about a long-term commitment or possibly marriage. "I would support [the baby] until it didn't need to be supported anymore."

If a pregnant girl came to him, Peterjohn said he would eventually ask about the father, but it would not be his first question. He would want to make sure that

the father was involved or at least aware. Peterjohn said he definitely wouldn't press the issue.

According to Assistant Principal Neil Glazer, Shaker has no official policy on action against girls who are pregnant. They are allowed to stay in school full time as long as they choose. The only concern is what is in the girl's best interest. For example, phys ed might not be the best option for the girl.

Glazer and Peterjohn both stressed that each pregnant girl is considered individually. In terms of classes,

Peterjohn might suggest some of the family or consumer science classes, such as child development or independent living.

Kristin Bergren is teaching both classes this year. While the classes aren't targeted specifically at pregnant girls, "it helps to have the knowledge before it happens," Bergren said. She said her classes can be beneficial for anyone who is pregnant or thinking about having a family one day, someone going into the medical profession, or any job that involves working with children.

If a girl came to Glazer and said that she was pregnant, Glazer would first discuss the girl's concerns. He would ask about long-term questions and problems she might have. He would list resources, such as the Shaker Youth and Counseling Center. The Center works on a sliding scale and the costs of counseling sessions are dependent on how much each individual can afford.

Many schools, including Lakewood High School, provide daycare services for girls who have children. Shaker does not provide daycare. "At some point all schools have to ask the question, 'What is the extent of our responsibility to provide services?'" Glazer said. He also articulated the cost would be high to accommodate only a few students. Glazer stressed that when someone becomes a parent, they become an adult and the school can't be responsible for all their needs.

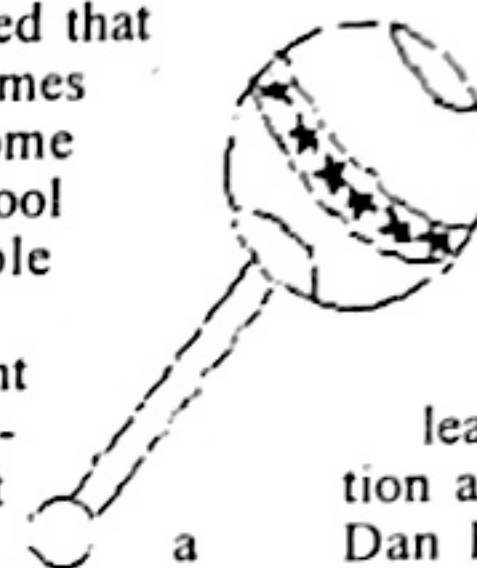
For some pregnant North Coast Academy, located at Randall Park Mall, is a completely computerized program. Students are allowed to learn at individual paces. They

can attend part time, which is especially beneficial for girls who must work to support themselves and their child. Students are sometimes even able to complete a year's worth of work in half the time. Students who were recommended to the school by Shaker can receive a Shaker Heights High School diploma upon graduation.

Peterjohn would consider an alternative school as an option for a pregnant girl, but said it isn't always the best solution. Most require a certain number of credits and proficiency tests to be passed. Peterjohn said the goal is for as many students as possible to continue at Shaker. He would recommend a girl who was close to graduation finish out the year.






Despite the options available to prospective teen parents, many students feel there is no one for them to talk to, especially not adults. Fear, anxiety and denial that they're pregnant could

lead a girl to take drastic action after she has given birth. If Dan Evans, a sophomore, was the father of a baby, he claims, "I don't know an adult I could talk to."



Blast from the past

•New teachers tell us who they were in high school

	Best high school memory	Favorite slang, then and now	What you wore	What you wanted to be	Worst thing you did
 Sanford Lamovsky <i>Science</i>	Cruising down Mayfield with my friends	Far out and it still is today	Button-down, collared shirts, and khaki pants. And sometimes alpaca sweaters	I wasn't sure, but the one thing that I didn't want to be was a teacher.	I would not admit to it
 Keith Szalay <i>Foreign Language</i>	My best memory of high school was graduation, because of the sense of pride and accomplishment	Then: Sweet Now: it's tight	I wore Doc Martens, blue jeans, and a variety of t-shirts and flannel shirts	As a kid I wanted to be either a teacher or a fireman	I'll plead the 5 th
 Elizabeth Colquitt <i>English</i>	Studying for humanities was the most fun because it was such a fun class.	Then: Cool Now: Player	Well, I always was a real Madonna wannabe.	I always wanted to be a veterinarian, until 11 th grade chemistry...	I remember being really mean to this girl because she was going out with a boy who my best friend really liked.
 Kimberly Owens <i>Social Studies</i>	Competing on the Forensics team (a speech/debate kind of team) was always really fun	Then: Cool Now: That's good stuff	We wore a lot of rugby style shirts, sweater vests with polo shirts underneath and pegged pants.	A pilot	One of my friends wrote a mean poem about a teacher and dared me to make copies and hang them up around school, and I did.
 Keaf Holliday <i>Art</i>	Mr. Lewis' vocational art class	Then: mothership connection (thats cold) Now: Lets Rock and Roll!	The usual; jeans, sweatshirts, and Nike shoes had just come out	I always wanted to be an artist	I forged my father's name on a report card once

So you think you're crafty?

By Jeanne Bright
A & E Co-Editor

While I was watching *Martha Stewart Living* the other day, I realized something. What makes her the queen of craftiness? Just because she has acres of bok choy and other exotic vegetables, can cook a gourmet meal in the blink of an eye and has her own line of towels at K-mart doesn't mean she's any craftier than the regular Tom, Dick or Harry. I decided to try my hypothesis out.

I gathered three of my most enduring friends, Courtney Resnick, Eva Zoldessy and Laurie O'Neill, to partake in a fun craft escapade I like to call "So you think you're crafty." There is only one rule: let your creative juices flow!!!

We were all given one pre-shrunk boys' white undershirt and a pair of scissors and given the deadline of Sept. 15th, otherwise known as the day of the Back-To-School Dance.

We all got together one dreary Saturday morning to assemble our crafts. After a grueling two hours later, our masterpieces were done.

We made four separate designs to match our sense of style. Courtney made a lace-up tee, Laurie made a one-shoulder tee, Eva made a mock-halter top and I made a cut-up tee.

If you are amazingly inspired by the ideas of this article, and want to create a shirt like one of ours on your own, follow the steps for each shirt below.

For all of them, make sure you have a shirt that fits you well, and a little bit more on the snug side. Another very helpful hint is to draw on your shirt the design you want and then try it on. When the day of the dance



Juniors Courtney Resnick, Eva Zoldessy and Laurie O'Neill work diligently on their creative masterpieces.

rolled around, I tried my shirt on and it didn't fit properly. My advice is to continue to try on the material to make sure it fits," O'Neill said.

If you liked Courtney's design, here are the steps you should take:

1) Cut off the sleeves, preferably not on the seam. "Don't cut on the seam. I did that, and the shirt kept on ripping and falling apart," said Resnick.

2) Starting at the bottom of the shirt cut a slit up to the armpits on both sides.

3) Decide where you want the hole to be. If you want to show more skin, make the holes further apart.

4) Get a small piece of cardboard or stiff paper. Cut a very small hole, just enough for a little bit of fabric to go through.

5) Push the fabric in the whole with a pencil or a dull knife and snip off the tip of the fabric.

6) Cut a long piece of string and lace up one side. Use a

different piece of string for the other side.

If you liked Laurie's design, here are the steps you should take:

1) Trace a design on your shirt where you would cut off one shoulder. "For the design I used a one shoulder shirt that was similar to the design I wanted," said O'Neill.

2) Decorate as you would like!

If you liked Eva's design, here are the steps you should follow:

1) At the collar near the shoulder seams, go along the collar for approximately 2 inches in both directions and make a mark at both of these spots on each side. "Make sure you don't go in too narrow. I did that and it looked, and fit, really weird," said Zoldessy.

2) Draw a straight line from this mark to the armpits. Try on the garment to make sure the line is in the right place.

3) Cut along this line, un-

der the armpit, so when you are done you should have two sleeves with shoulders.

If you liked Jeanne's design here are the steps you should take:

1) Draw a straight line across your tee from one armpit to the other on the front and the back. If you don't want to be as revealing, draw a diagonal line up to the point where you feel comfortable and make a straight line from there. Just as long as you cut under the armpit, the shirt should be fine.

2) Cut around the line once you try it on. You should now have two separate shirts.

3) To put the shirts back together, take safety pins and pin it all together. The pins should be around 1 1/2 inches apart.

So YOU think YOU'RE crafty? Not bloody likely! If you think you are up to the craftiest mission of them all, leave your full name, grade and telephone number in the slot near room 229.



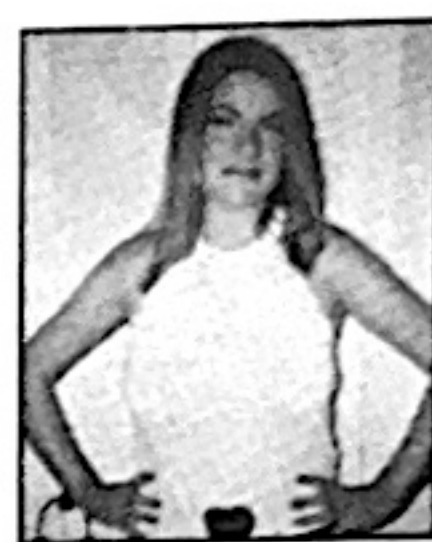
Courtney Resnick

"It was fun making our shirts, but none of them worked out."



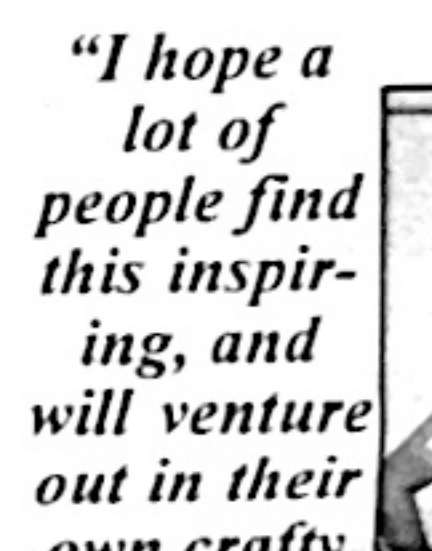
Laurie O'Neill

"I had fun creating from my own imagination"



Eva Zoldessy

"It was nice to work with my friends, but it was hard to concentrate"



Jeanne Bright

"I hope a lot of people find this inspiring, and will venture out in their own crafty escapades."

Shaker Grad directs Hot movie

By Alex Budor-Shapiro
Staff reporter

Drama teacher James Thornton says that his kids still repeat lines from David Wain's 1987 New Stages play, *Assorted Cuts of Meat*. Thornton also remembers finding Wain, video camera in hand, taping the production aspects of school shows for hilarious promotional videos.

"David is a genuinely funny, funny guy. He just has this unique way of looking at things. He is always thinking, always talking. He can find life's comic elements in the most serious of situations," Thornton said. "His humor is infectious. People are pulled towards him. He has so much enthusiasm for life."

David Wain has been making people laugh nationwide since he graduated from Shaker Heights High School, in 1987. After graduation, Wain attended New York University, where a group of his friends formed a comedy sketch group called *The State*. In addition to performing and writing, Wain was involved with directing and editing. *The State* was performing in theaters, clubs and colleges when MTV hired them to create a television series. *The State* ran for two seasons, garnering such critical praise as highest rated sketch show in *Entertainment Weekly* and *Rolling Stone*, and one of the top ten shows of the year in the *Wall Street Journal*. *The State* also did a TV special for CBS.

For his senior film project, Wain made a short film called *Aisle Six*. The film, shot at Shaker

Heights High School, tells the story of Brad, a high school senior, who prefers electrical wiring in a society that worships plumbing. Students, parents and Ms. Kelly Myers, English and drama teacher, were used in the film. Jamie Babbit, class of 1989, who directed the independent film *But I'm A Cheerleader*, also plays a part in the film. *Aisle Six* won awards at the Sundance Film Festival, Aspen Shortfest, the Atlanta Film Festival and the Australia Film Festival.

Wain's most recent work, the summer camp parody *Wet Hot American Summer*, played at Shaker Square Cinemas and nationwide during August and September. Wain and fellow *State* buddy, Michael Showalter, directed this satire of the 1980s summer camp. It follows the campers, counselors and staff of Camp Firewood, a primarily Jewish Maine summer camp, on its last day of the 1981 session. The characters rush to complete their unfinished business, such as having sex and saving the camp from a falling part of Skylab. Craig Wedren, the composer, also hails from Cleveland. The movie features a talented ensemble cast including Janeane Garofalo, as a camp director who must keep order while falling for the astrophysicist



David Wain

(David Hyde Pierce) staying in a nearby cabin. Michael Showalter plays a sensitive counselor in love with a beautiful girl (Marguerite Moreau) whose lifeguard-boyfriend (Paul Rudd) is too interested in cheating on his girlfriend to notice that campers are drowning. Molly Shannon, Shaker Heights native, plays a counselor who turns her arts & crafts classes into a support group to help her deal with her divorce. Besides these characters, there is a Vietnam-crazed camp chef, the camp slut and a counselor eager to abandon his campers and virginity for her, the over-achieving drama counselor, and two men experimenting with homosexuality.

Some of the scenes in the movie are based on Wain's camp experiences at Park Day Camp and Camp Wise in Cleveland, and Camp Modin in Maine. "That [camp years] was a pivotal point of my development as a person, and the intensity of that for me is what sources the movie," Wain told *The Free Times*. He says the characters in the film are based on people he met during his camp years.

Reviews of the movie have been mixed. Some found the movie right on target and enjoyed the sketch-like aspect of the movie. "Clichés are skewered mercilessly and with deadly precision," says the *Daily Herald*. "It is a delectable parody of the dawn of the Reagan era teen flicks, and if that sounds like much ado about not very much, the movie is so hilariously sly



Courtesy of Grasmil 1987

David Wain, as a senior, (row three, second from left) poses with fellow Thespians member and director of the satirical movie "But I'm A Cheerleader" Jamie Babbit (second row, second from left). In 1987, there was a Thespians club because the Theater Department did not exist.

about something so fetishistically trivial that at times it appears to take in an entire culture through a lens made of cheese," says *Entertainment Weekly*. "Wain and Showalter deserve camp kudos for getting the details right," says *Rolling Stone*.

Others felt that the movie's humor was not universally appealing, and that it might have done better as a collection of sketches. "Like a camp suitcase bursting at the seams, the film crams in even more subplots and characters, and director David Wain sits on it all as best he can," says the *Chicago Tribune*. "This movie strains so hard to be funny, it almost ruptures itself," says the *San Francisco Chronicle*. "The funny-to-lame

ratio sinks to dangerously deathly levels," says the *Boston Globe*.

"The movie is all David, everything that he does is a reflection of his life experience and views. It has enough ridiculousness in it for you to be able to identify with the characters. I know that I could see myself in them. It is truthful, not mean. It doesn't treat people in insulting and gross ways. It reaches out to humans. I would call it wit with humanity," Thornton said.

If for nothing else, watch this movie for Cleveland references (the drama teacher, expecting Broadway caliber performances, compares her camper's performances to that of the Cleveland Play House,) and to support Shaker Heights talent.

A Cappella Ensemble's turn to make better music

By Amy Broadbent
Staff Reporter

Just like the highly-regarded Men's Ensemble, this year's choir students have the opportunity to receive credit for their hard work. The A Capella Men's Ensemble and the A Capella Women's Ensemble were created as another option for talented singers and are off to a running start this year.

Seniors Lee Steinbock, Kati Nosse and Tiffany Pinkney worked to have this ensemble added to the choral program.

"We've had a men's ensemble for several years meeting informally. It was a popular hit with the audience and community at concerts, so it was made a more formal class for credit like the jazz groups," director Dr. Robert Schneider said.

Following auditions in the spring a women's sextet and a men's octet were formed. There was a positive response to the ensemble and a large number of people auditioned. The ensembles will mostly sing separate songs but are planning to do a few combined pieces.

The lack of a previous Women's Ensemble with a very successful men's ensemble fueled much of the interest. "We thought it was time to have a women's group to be more fair and to further explore areas of music," junior Isabelle Tuma said.

The small ensembles mean that there are only one or two singers on each voice part. This forces individual discipline and intricate harmonies.

These newest ensembles will be singing some oldies, some classics and some spirituals. The women are currently working on "The Star Spangled Banner," "The Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" and "How Can I Keep from Singing." The men plan to sing the traditional favorite "Viva L'Amore" plus "Other cool stuff but it's top secret," junior

Michael Nau said.

Unlike the popular Chanticleers, the ensembles will not dance during performances. The concentration will be on the singing.

The Women's Ensemble consists of three juniors and three seniors and the Men's Ensemble has one freshman, two sophomores, three juniors and two seniors.

"Everyone's been there, and the situation's new for me," said the only freshman Ben Zimmer, "but they're all welcoming."

The ensembles meet individually early mornings before school and the men meet during sixth period lunch. Nau said that he had to miss lunch meetings because of a class conflict. However, the

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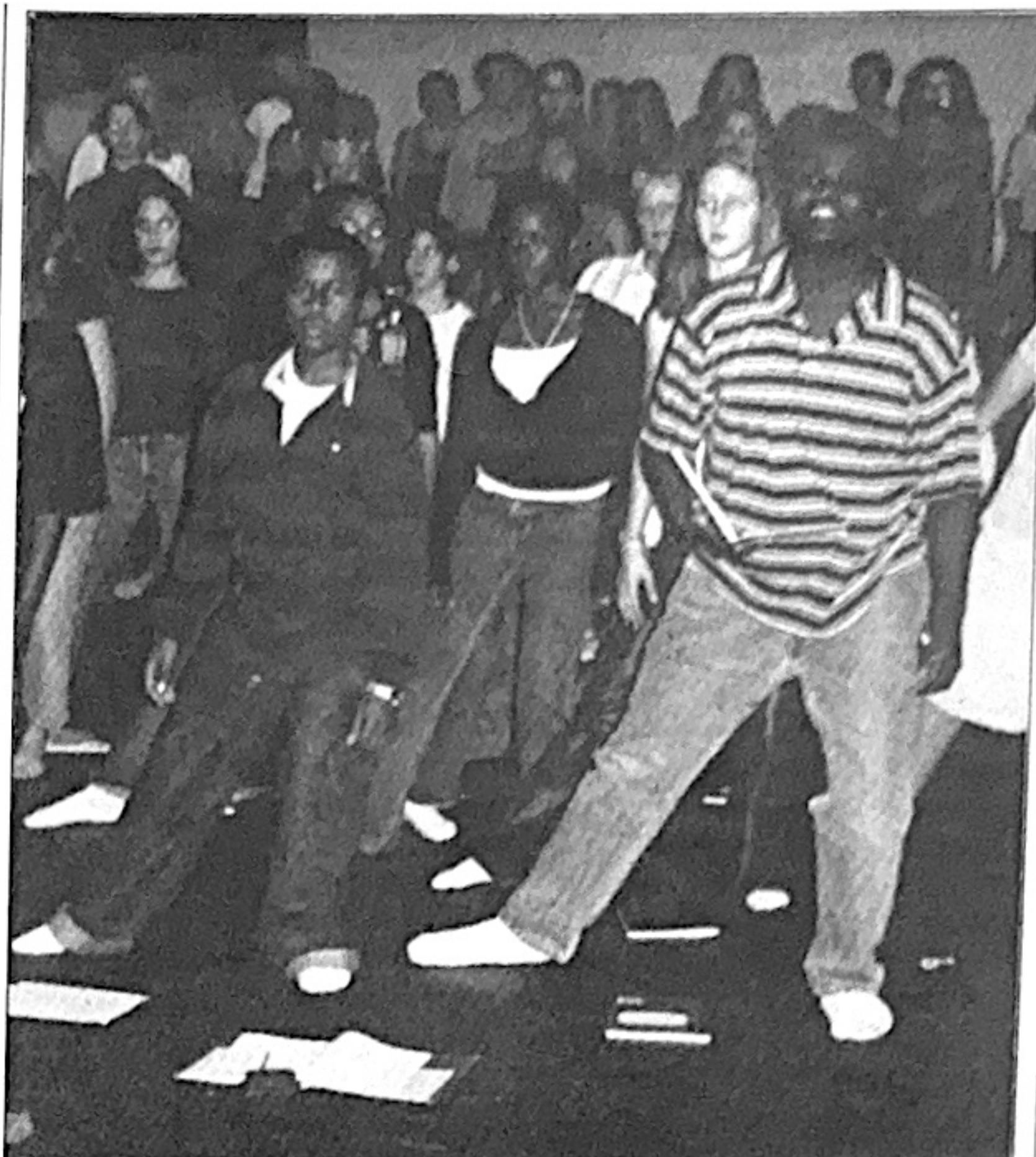
KATI NOSSE
Senior

majority of men are able to make those sessions.

The newest school choral ensembles are by themselves during many of their rehearsals. This allows the singers a chance to personally improve their already full talent and work as a group. "We're working really well together and our voices blend surprisingly well," senior member Nosse said.

The first official school concert where the ensembles will be performing is on Oct. 17. They are also scheduled to make community appearances. With the talent and dedication that these students demonstrate, they are expected to be a highlight of the concert.

Tuma said, "We work together because we all have a passion for music so we have a common goal to enjoy the music."



Jeff Greenwald/The Shakerite

The freshman ensemble is hard at work preparing for their first performance.

Junior Ensemble works towards perfection

By Rick Jennings
Art Editor

Standing around in circles, breathing deeply. That may not sound like fun to some people, but for the sixty-four members of this year's ninth grade Junior Ensemble, it's what they live for.

While Junior Ensemble is usually a large group, it's never been this large before. Last year's Junior Ensemble had around fifty members.

There are some drawbacks to having such a large group. "It's just that much harder to work with everyone," Ensemble teacher and Theatre Department Head James Thornton said. He added that the ideal number of people in an ensemble is about sixteen.

Sophomore Caitlin Corrigan is the Junior Ensemble coordinator this year. "It takes a lot longer to learn the names [of the students]. I have to take care of ev-

eryone," she said. Usually there are two coordinators, but Corrigan is managing the ensemble by herself this year.

Freshman Amy Freedman, a member of Junior Ensemble, prefers the larger ensemble. "It's fun. It's a good experience," she said. "You get to meet a lot of people."

Thornton agrees that there are certain benefits to having such a large group. "Sixty people working as one is better than ten people working as one."

This semester, Corrigan said, the group will learn the warm-up routine, which consists of a series of breathing and stretching exercises. She also said that she is unsure about whether Junior Ensemble will do more than the usual one piece for the ensemble show next spring.

"One of the qualities of this show will be the sheer sense of mass," Thornton said.

Put a little salsa in your step and get ready for Homecoming

By Cassidy Heller
Staff reporter

Ever wanted to learn how to dance like they do in the movies? Then sign up for Carlos Sanchez-Rodriguez's salsa classes! Sanchez-Rodriguez, a custodian at the high school, will be teaching salsa classes for all interested Shaker students.

"I love salsa music and want to teach the Cuban way of dancing."

CARLOS SANCHEZ-RODRIGUEZ
Custodian

Sanchez-Rodriguez teaches private lessons at his home and has also taught classes on the West Side of Cleveland, but this is the first time he is teaching a class for Shaker students.

The Cuban native is teaching the classes to high school students to share his heritage. "I love salsa music and want to teach the Cuban way of dancing," Sanchez-Rodriguez said.

Sanchez-Rodriguez has been dancing all his life. He is a member of a salsa club, which meets at his house and performs dance shows for the public, including performances at Shaker Square. He has been performing for two years.

Salsa-style is just one dance on his impressive list. He also enjoys the samba, meringue, cha-cha and guaguanco. Sanchez is hoping more people will sign up for this exciting class.

Junior Angelia Martin thinks the salsa classes would be fun. "I think people should be free to explore other cultures' music and dance," Martin said.

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Role models' problems are everyday challenges

By Liz Campbell
A & E Co-editor

Millions of dollars, fame and adoration still do not fulfill the lives of celebrities. Over the summer, celebrities checked into rehabilitation centers across the country for alcohol abuse and depression.

Actor Ben Affleck, 29, entered Promises, a Malibu-based rehabilitation facility, for alcohol abuse on August 3, 2001. Comedian Paula Poundstone and actor Robert Downey, Jr. are also patients of Promises. Previous patients include Tim Allen.

Mariah Carey, 31, following a statement on her website that included, "I really don't feel that I should be doing music right now" and "Right now I need a break, so I will, as a human being, take that break", checked herself into a hospital for "extreme exhaustion" on July 25, 2001.

On July 9, 2001, teen heartthrob A.J. McLean, 23, of the musical group the Backstreet Boys, checked into a 30-day treatment plan at a rehabilitation center for alcohol abuse, anxiety, and depression. On his doctor's

advice, McLean extended his treatment by two weeks. McLean's fellow band members Nick Carter, Howie Dorough, Brian Littrell and Kevin Richardson cited his struggle with his grandmother's recent death as a main cause of his depression.

Fans like sophomore LaDawn Thomas think that McLean's admittance of his problem makes him a good role model.

"I think that because he got help, he will inspire other people to get help if they have problems," Thomas said.

Despite the postponement of the Backstreet Boys' summer and fall tour, fans have shown overwhelming support of McLean's decision. At www.backstreet.net, fans have taken advantage of the option of leaving McLean a get-well message.

Even those who do not like the Backstreet Boys feel that McLean's decision was good.

"I don't like A.J. or the Backstreet Boys," junior Tina Jackson said, "but I think it was noble of him to admit he had a problem."

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Nautica Stage

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Mos Def
Kent State

10/5
Elton John
CSU Convocation Center
Did you always wish you could find an outfit to match your Batman-inspired glasses? At least you can watch in amazement at his flamboyant style!

10/6
Alice Cooper
Tower City Amphitheater
Still stuck in the late 80's? A big fan of heavy metal? Alice Cooper is your man!

10/9
DJ Battle Finals
Peabody's Downunder

10/9
Tenacious D
Agora Theater

10/10
American Hi-Fi
Peabody's Downunder

10/10
Jay-Z
Agora Theater
Are you living a 'hard knock life'? Come to the Agora to let Jay-Z's beats soothe your otherwise tense life

10/11
Family Values Tour
CSU Convocation Center

10/14
Lifehouse
Odeon

10/14
Snoop Dogg
CSU Convocation Center
Do you enjoy sippin' on Gin(ger Ale) and Juice? Laidback? With your mind on your money and your money on your mind?

10/14 & 10/15
Neil Diamond
Gund Arena

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Incubus
Kent State



Jason Scudamore/The Shakerite

The new Raider mascot, played by Dave Rupp, lies in wait at the football game against Mentor on Saturday, Sept. 22. The mascot, which was unveiled on that date, had little to cheer about, as the Raiders lost 24-18. The mascot was originally planned to be unveiled at a pep rally last year. However, due to the cancellations of the pep rallies the event never materialized. The idea resurfaced at Student Council meetings early this year. Junior Chris Martin was designated the job of mascot, but due to a soccer game could not don the Raider garb for the unveiling. However, he plans to be active the rest of the year.

Fungsang true student-athlete

By Allison Walthe
Copy Editor

Everything that Joe Fungsang does he does well.

Besides being a straight-A AP and Honors student he has won two awards for his artwork in the Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition. He is the Art Editor of Semanteme and the recipient of the Shaker Historical Society Book Award as well.

Therefore, it's no surprise, that he is also a second-degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do.

Fungsang has been involved in Tae Kwon Do, a Korean martial art, since he was seven years old. "It looked like fun," he said. "My brother and sister were doing it as well."

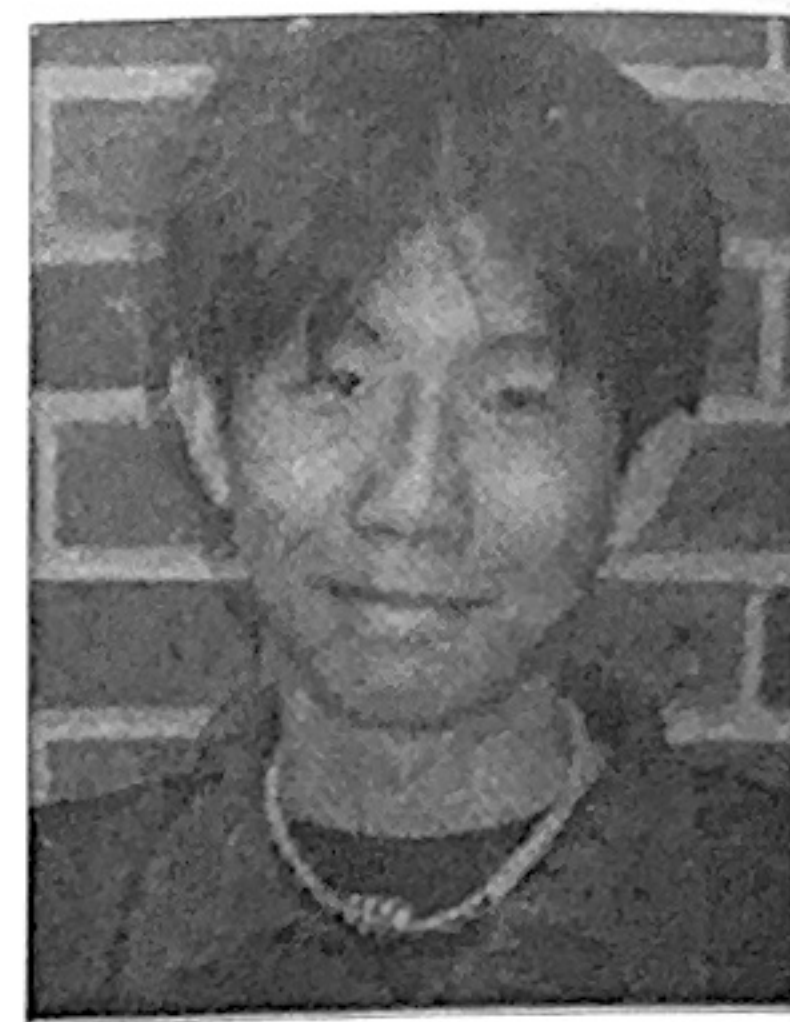
The senior practices Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for two hours at the middle school under the instruction of the Oriental Martial Arts College and Master James Cahn.

"Joe is very persistent, very determined and very focused," Cahn said. "He is a person who understands that in order to grow you have to work hard. What

other people might see as boundaries he sees as frontiers."

At practice Fungsang works on perfecting different positions, called forms, and sparring.

"A lot of forms are very hard," he said. "They're an application for training. There's a lot of room for expression in interpreting forms. They also help with agility



Cliff Harding/The Shakerite

Joe Fungsang heads to Tae-kwon-do following a long day at school.

and speed."

Besides practicing, Fungsang competes in about five tournaments a year.

He competes in the 15-to-17-year-old lightweight black belt division in forms, called poomse in Korean, and sparring, called gyorugi.

Tae Kwon Do has had a positive influence on Fungsang's life. "It helps me focus my mind on whatever I'm doing. It gives me self-confidence

too," he said.

In his free time Fungsang likes to play bass guitar, paint and listen to music. He also likes to play hackysack. "I'm not that good, but it's fun."

Fungsang intends to continue pursuing Tae Kwon Do in college, as well as continuing to create artwork.

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BOUNDS

Shaker sports start year on right foot

Football 3-2

Best game in October:
vs. Elyria on Oct. 6
Player of the month:
Greg Pruitt
•721 yds rushing
•9 touchdowns
Robert Price
•19 tackles including 6
tackles for a loss

Field Hockey 6-2

Biggest game in October
vs. Hudson on Oct. 2
Player of the month
Carolyn Cole
7 goals, 9 assists
Gretchen Fuller
12 goals, 4 assists
Leah Kaufman
9 goals, 1 assists

Cross Country

Biggest meet in October
L.E.L. Finals Oct. 12
District Finals Oct. 20
Player of the month
Benaud Jones
17:06 in 5k

Volleyball 3-8

Biggest match in October
vs. Elyria on Oct. 4
Player of the month
Inshirah Grimes
21 kills in 2 games



Simona Karasik/The Shakerite

In a warm up prior to a match, Junior Amber Rutger runs toward the net in preparation for a serve and volley.

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Women's Soccer 6-2

Biggest game in October
@ Hawken on Oct. 5
Player of the month
Katie Linehan

Golf 9-11

Biggest match in October
Sectionals Oct. 3
Player of the month
Jeremy Katz
Averages 42 strokes
for 9 holes

Tennis 11-2

Biggest match in October
Starting with sectionals
on Oct. 1, and
continuing to states
starting on Oct. 19
Player of the month
Amber Rucker
10-3

Men's Soccer 6-3-2

Biggest game in October
Sectionals, beginning
Oct. 16
Player of the month
Jason Scudamore
11 goals
5 assists



David Margolis/The Shakerite

Senior forward Carolyn Cole lunges for a ball just out of her reach. However, she was able to pass the ball off to teammates before being converged on by Orange defenders.

Shaker's Fall Sports

Overall record: 44-30-2 giving a 59.5 winning percentage
Male Raider of the Month: Gregg Pruitt, Jason Scudamore
Female Raider of the Month: Amber Rucker, Gretchen Fuller

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Crew continues quest for varsity status

•Sedmak sympathetic with crew team members, however stresses that old barriers still loom large in long fought battle

By Kirsten Whitehouse
Staff Reporter

Let's talk about sport commitment: six days a week, three hours each day and training all year long. Shaker's crew team is all about hard work and long hours, but reaching varsity status is still the ultimate challenge.

For many, the fact that Shaker has had a crew team for the past 5 years is news, possibly because of the limited recognition the team receives.

"I try to keep things in perspective. We're a small team, and it would be awesome for more people to support us, but most of our regattas are far away, and people just can't make it," co-captain and senior Nicole Nadeau said.

Shaker still has crew categorized as a club, not a sport, and for these dedicated, hard-working rowers, it just doesn't seem fair. But crew becoming a varsity sport is a bit more complicated than that.

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LINDSEY SCHILLING
Senior

These include: are there enough teams locally, how easily are facilities available [and questions about] cost and coaching," Shaker Athletic Director David Sedmak said. "Crew just doesn't fit this criteria. It's not the girls' fault, and it's unfortunate because crew is a great sport."

Crew members believe that their hard work should qualify the team for varsity status. "It hurts when people say it's not a sport, because we put a lot of time into what we do. We get varsity letters, so I think we deserve to have varsity status," senior Lindsey Schilling said.

"We work just as hard, if not harder, as other varsity teams. I definitely want the varsity sta-

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DAVE SEDMAK
Athletic Director

tus," junior Theresa Lee said.

And no one doubts their hard work. "We try and run after lifting, a few miles if possible. But we don't always have enough time. The goal of our workout is to increase our times and endurance. Practice is a lot of work," Lee said. Not to mention the half-hour bus ride to the Cuyahoga River for practice. The team has also taken trips to Detroit, Pittsburgh and Cincinnati in order to compete.

"We practice out of town, and our meets aren't close. The girls have had 11 coaches in the past 5 years. It was hard to feel like a

WHY CREW CAN'T BE A VARSITY SPORT

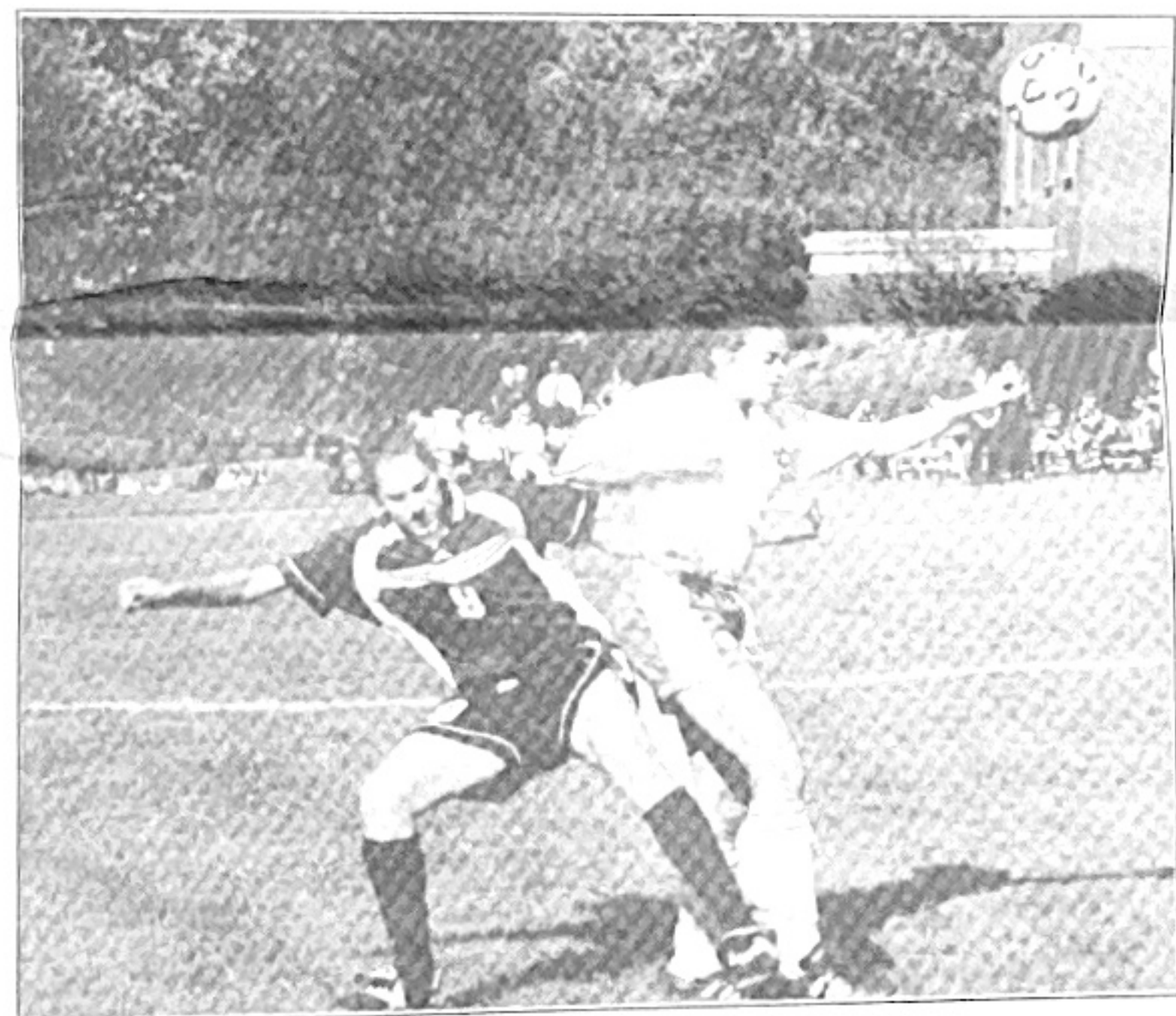
- 1) Not enough teams locally:
Only one other in NE Ohio, which is men
- 2) Accessible facilities:
Closest practice area is 30 minutes away
- 3) Expensive equipment:
Boats, oars and other essential equipment are expensive compared to other sports
- 4) Stable coaching:
Have had 11 coaches in last 5 years
- 5) Not sponsored by:
Ohio High School Athletic Association

family with all the switching around, but that bond is there now. It's hard for people to come out and support us. The little steps we are taking are really beginning to add up, and we're going to reach varsity status," coach Katie Bammel said.

The crew team now has its own supply room (located in the old weight room), access to the

new weight room, and their own message board posted in the hallway. And that's not to say they will never reach that varsity status they are trying so hard to obtain.

"It's a rare, unique and special opportunity to even have a crew team. We've just got to be thankful for that, and keep trying our hardest," said Nadeau.



Emilie Vicchio battles against an opposing defender trying to head the ball during a game in September. George Shengelya, the new head coach for the Raiders, helped to lead the team to victory.

Soccer has new attitude and new outlook with new staff

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his method of coaching has fit the team well. "The new coaches are really great, they have taught us so much. I think that we have really improved," sophomore Brittney Clair said.

The woman's varsity team has jumped out to 6-2 so far, with tough losses to Mentor and Cleveland Heights.

"I don't care what the score is, it's how they play," Shengelya said. Many team members share this feeling and the players have been improving both individually and as a team since the end of last season.

"Our two losses are disappointing, but we are still gonna try and keep winning, and we are not going to get discouraged," junior Townley Smith said.

Rise in violence among high school athletes

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though, because of the professionals behavior."

In the professional ranks, punishment is much harsher than on the high school level because athletes have to pay a fine for their bad behavior. But they still have the right to appeal. Ohio High School Athletic Association rules aren't as lenient. Fighting could cause an athlete to be ejected from a contest and become ineligible for up to three weeks. High school athletes have no appeal option.

"Despite the fighting, we must continue to educate," Brown said. "It really doesn't help anyone."

Watching sports fights can be exciting to some people. "If the games are boring, I look forward to seeing the pros fight," junior Ben Reynolds said. "When it does happen, I think it is too funny."

Varsity football player Arthur Boyd disagrees. "Many athletes use it mentally to get up for the game," Boyd said. "But it's not cool for high school players to fight."

Fighting doesn't seem to be acceptable at any level but it still happens. "Right now, I think the coaches are doing a great job," Brown said.

ROOKIE AT THE HELM



Senior Gregg Pruitt runs around the right side of the Raider offensive line in a game against Berea. Pruitt, along with Junior Quarterback Nelson Devezin, led the team to victory 21-14.

Playoff hopes of Raider football ride on shoulders of new quarterback

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it up."

The Raiders won the Lake Erie League Championship in the 2000 season. They are trying to repeat as champs and hopefully make a run at the state title in the postseason.

They are currently ranked tenth in the Plain Dealer Top 25.

"By [the postseason], we'll be much stronger. Only little mistakes have been holding us back.

When we fix those, we'll be a force to be reckoned with," Devezin said.

Homecoming weekend will be one of the biggest tests when they take on division rival Elyria. Despite a recent loss against Mentor Shaker's division title hopes will still be fully alive with a win over Mentor.

"Every team in the LEL is good," Pruitt said. "We've got a lot of challenges still ahead."

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Crew Let Down

Athletic directors explain the reasons why crew can not become a varsity sport. Check inside for the story

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By Jeff Greenwald
Sports Co-editor

Student athletes need to put school first

This school and many across the nation have a serious problem keeping athletes in games.

It doesn't have to do with injuries, skipping practices or family emergencies. It has to do with players not keeping their acts together in the classroom.

There are far too many players who become ineligible for athletic events on the simple grounds that they cannot pass five core classes. If you cannot pass a class in high school, there is a serious problem. For most students, failing a class is hard work, be it AP, honors or CP. If you are playing a sport, you need to keep yourself tuned in and in line.

A few years ago the Ohio High School Athletic Association decided that on top of passing five classes, schools must set required grade point averages for student-athletes. Shaker's requirement is a 2.0 GPA, which would require a student to receive straight Cs in college prep classes. If you merely showed up at class and did the homework, there is no reason why at 2.0 could be achieved. Who knows? While you are in class you might even get an education.

Not only does this requirement seem reasonable, but an athlete can also participate even if they carry a GPA under 2.0. Those athletes are merely on probation, meaning that each of the student's teachers must sign a weekly progress report.

If you are having trouble hitting the books, take some time out of practice and go to a teacher conference, the tutoring center or spend some extra time studying. If you go to a coach and ask to get out of practice to keep up with your schoolwork, that coach will rarely say no. If a coach doesn't understand the importance of an athlete getting a good education, he or she should not be a high school coach.

According to the National Collegiate Athletic Association official web site, only 22 out of every 10,000 athletes who play high school football, baseball, soccer, hockey or basketball will become professional in their respective sport. In basketball and football the number of high school stars who become pros is only six of every 10,000.

Despite what you may think, you will need your high school education.

When athletes fail to put forth effort to obtain that education and maintain eligibility, they are not only hurting their coaches, teammates and fans. The biggest blow from this failure will hit them later in life.

Violence trickles down

•High school athletes begin to show tendencies of professional counterparts

By Alex Hitchens
Staff Reporter

In professional sports, fighting has become as much a part of the game as playing. Lately, however, that violent aspect has trickled down to the high school level.

Fighting at Shaker sporting events has occurred a few times in the last year. Last year at a junior varsity football game a fight broke out and players were ejected and suspended. A similar incident occurred this month at a varsity soccer game.

"Kids that fight tend to have a lack of self-control," said Athletic Director Dave Sedmak, referring to student-athletes. "It could be any number of causes, but they may be influenced from

what they see off the TV."

In professional sports, fighting looks as if it is just another piece of the game. In hockey, players often get in fistfights and only get sent to the penalty box for 5 minutes. In baseball players can throw helmets at people, stop a game for 20 minutes, appeal a suspension and be back on the field the next day.

"I don't think there's a direct correlation between the pros and student athletes, but it's still there," Sedmak said.

Athletic Director Susan Brown agreed with Sedmak. "There's definitely a carry-over, but I don't think it's directly related to the pros. [Student athletes] may think it's acceptable

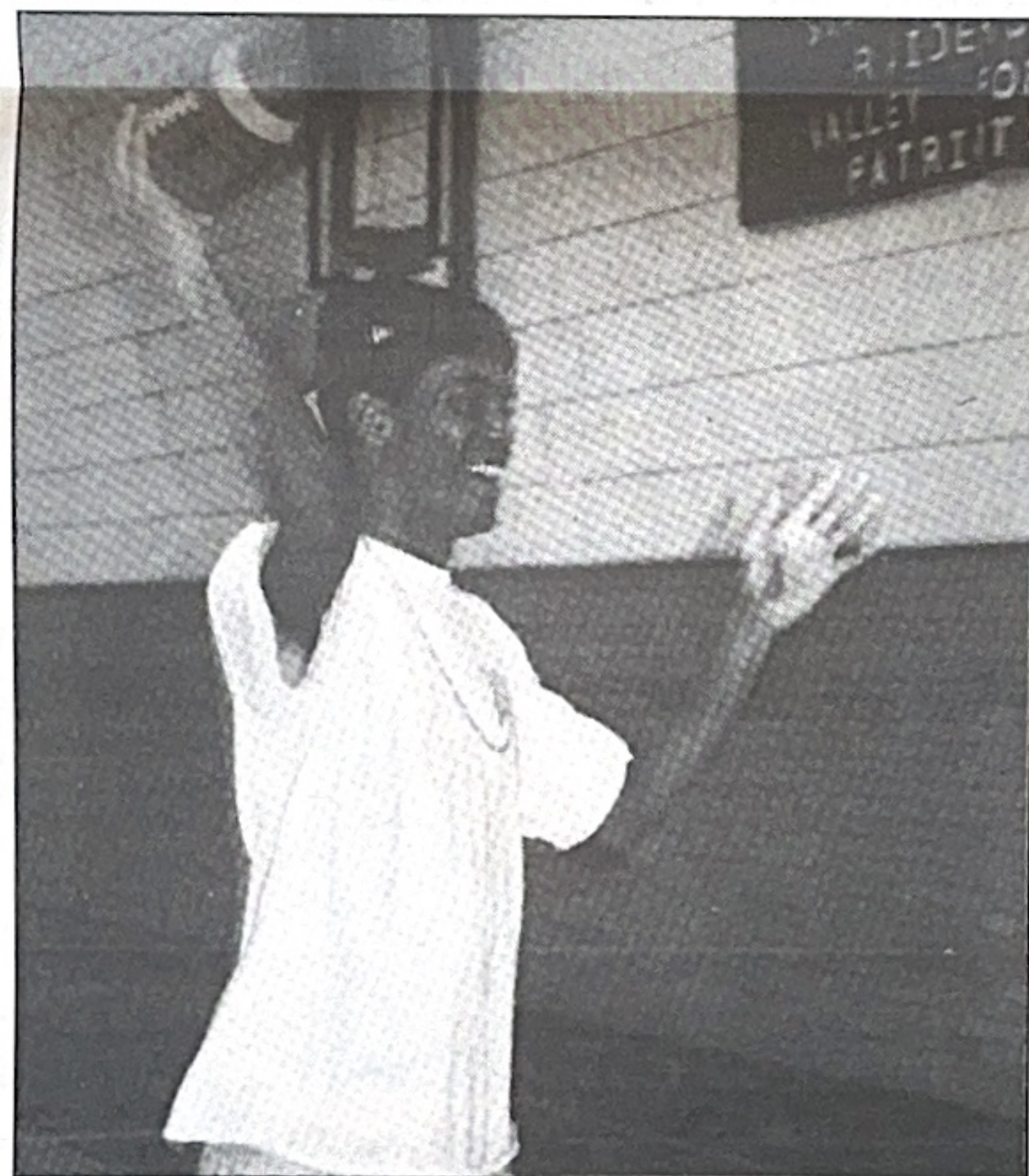
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Mary O'Connell/The Shakerite

Senior forward Marco Brown tumbles to the feet of three Cleveland Heights defenders as they try to avoid him.

DEVEZIN TAKES THE REINS



Simona Karasik/The Shakerite

Junior quarterback Nelson Devezin casually throws a football around before practice. Devezin has taken over the starting quarterback position this season.

Junior quarterback looks to bring Raiders to glory

By Matt Wallace
Staff Reporter

Many of the postseason aspirations of Shaker football players, coaches and fans lie on the right arm of junior quarterback Nelson Devezin.

Devezin typically plays safety, but because of an early season injury to backup quarterback Kyan Johnson, he has been relegated to offense. However coaches did not want to risk two injured quarterbacks.

The team has adjusted its game plan to fit Devezin's style of play. They have moved to a spread offense to suit his ability to scramble.

Despite the added responsibility, Devezin isn't worried.

"I have confidence in all my teammates. They take the pressure off my back," he said. His teammates are showing the same confidence in him.

"He leads by example. He is learning to take con-

trol of the team," senior running back Gregg Pruitt said.

Quarterbacks have the most demanding position in football. It not only requires great physical prowess, but mental skill as well. They must read plays and make quick decisions. Also, if things don't go well, they take the blame.

"There is a mental aspect to quarterback that the average person doesn't understand. It is the most important aspect. I'm very pleased with Nelson and his ability to make the right reads and decisions," head football coach and athletic director Dave Sedmak said.

The team is also finding strong leadership in its returning players.

"Our squad is full of leaders," senior fullback Jay Gladden said. "The seniors have really stepped

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Player Profile

Nelson Devezin

Ht: 6'0"

Wt: 175 lbs.

Pos: QB, Safety

Favorite Sport To Watch:

College Football

Favorite Pro Athlete:

Michael Vick

Most Embarrassing Sports Moment:

Missing dunk at basketball practice

Additional Sports: Basketball, Baseball



Jason Scudamore/The Shakerite

New womens soccer head coach George Shengelya plays around with a soccer ball during practice.

Girls Soccer gets Russian coaching

By Jessica Koler
Staff Reporter

Accompanied by a new coaching staff, and some new techniques, the women's soccer team has racked up six wins early in the season.

Accompanied by Coach Mike Wolf, George Shengelya has brought a new attitude and style of play to the lady soccer players.

"George works us a lot harder than our coach did last year, and it's really helping with how we play and work together as a team," sophomore Elizabeth Haas said.

Shengelya, originally from Georgia, Russia, most recently coached soccer at Avon Lake and Lorian College.

Shengelya said that he loves coaching the girls and feels that

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